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Martha McMillan Journal transcriptions, January – May 1897

New Year Years day. 1897

The old year is gone with all its joys and sorrows—Another year opens to us—What shall the year bring to us—Let us go forth in the strength of the Eternal—looking leaning and relying on the arm of the omnipotent one—We need this strength up-holding and guiding and directing—We are folly & weakness, but the one who's our [illegible] strength and power—yet willing to help the weakest and most abject of this children—who will come to him for help and mercy.

January 1897

1 day of January 1897. Friday. [illegible] cloudy day. Clara is still in Chicago—She went the Monday before Christmas to visit Fred—he has been in the “[illegible]” office since last June when he got through College at Monmouth. Fannie & Mackenzie [transcriber note: Thomas MacKenzie is the husband of Fannie, Martha's first born] & Donald & Malcolm [transcriber note: the 2 Mackenzie sons] are settled at Port Jervis N.Y. now. They came from Pine Bush N.Y. there the [illegible] last December—Harlan is still holding forth with Mr. Carson in Springfield—Homer is in the Cedarville College and is at home taking his vacation—Mr. Mc. [transcriber note: how Martha refers to her husband James McMillan] has been in bed with a severe cold since the day before Christmas. Maggie [illegible] is here these days helping me. Aunt Mary Murdock & Annabel Murdock and Uncle [illegible] children Ralph & [illegible] & Jennie here to dinner. Annabel is attending school in the city and will go back Monday morning. Clayton at Springfield today with some things for Mrs.[?] [illegible]. He took dinner with Harlan at Adam's. Homer started to Dayton and came back in time for dinner without going. This Eve. he is at Pitchin. Clara[?] [illegible], [illegible] off duty. Russell working on his fence. Jason & Paul around home all day. Uncle Joe has been away for nearly two weeks sick with cold. This afternoon he & Lizzie Blair called this afternoon to see Mr. Mc. As usual he has been in bed all day. Clayton did not get home until after dark—and it is certainly dark tonight. D. S. [illegible] have gone through a Big Change in their business.

2" Jan Sat. A very gloomy day. Homer at Pr[?]'s Mill with buckwheat and came home past the Cedarville Post Office this Eve—home in time for supper—Jason at C [transcriber note: commonly her abbreviation for the Village of Cedarville] with wood for Aunt Jane—Wm[?] off duty—Clayton & Russell feeding—Maggie N here all day helping me. [illegible] here this P.M. Mr. Mc. In bed to day again. I have certainly had a busy day. Paul around all day. Clayton sat up until late for [illegible] to come down—It was late when he came.

3" Jan Sabb. Another gloomy day. Homer Clayton & Pual at Sabbath School & church—Harlan at Church—Jason at home with me and Mr. Mc.—he is till in bed. Maggie N here and helped with the work[?] to day. Mr. Morton preached as usual—This eve I helped Clayton with his lesson and helped Paul this Eve—Clayton at a meeting of the [illegible]—Homer [illegible] meeting. Harlan went back to his home in Springfield this Eve—he [illegible] to attend church there this eve—

4" Jan Monday. It is getting much colder—Maggie N is here—Her father also. We were expecting a [illegible] from Walthers[?] but he failed to come—Homer at C and called there and was home at noon. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Home at Selma pasture to see the sheep. This Eve he took the clothes to Mrs P and attended the prayer meeting at the hall. Uncle Dan called. So also did Mr. Conner and Uncle Silas. Mr. Mc. In bed all day.

5" Jan Tues Quite[?] a winter day. A letter from Clara she is still in Chicago. A letter from Fred tells us of the death of our dear friend Mrs. Thompson in Monmouth—She died New Years morning—She was a lovely character—[illegible] are being gathered [illegible]—Homer at the College this A.M.—at the Opening. He came back at noon bringing Uncle Joe—He has been away since before Christmas. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Maggie N here—Isaac also. Willie [illegible] called. Homer at Pitchin this Eve for a change. Mr. Mc. In bed.

6" Jan. Wed. A cold day Homer at Selma for sheep. Wm helped him home with them. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Notwithstanding the cold I called to see the german at Mr. Walkers[?]. this P.M. Mr. [illegible] called and spent an hour with Mr Mc—he is still in bed. This Eve Homer at the office and at Clifton brought [illegible] home.

7" Jan Thurs Very cold and dreary. Fast day in our church by order of the Synod. I left Miriam[?] in the kitchen—Uncle Joe around—Mr Mc in bed. I went down to church alone. Mr. Morton preached—[illegible]—As usual I kept this day. This afternoon Uncle Dan here to see Mr Mc Homer at the church. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. This Eve Homer at Selma [illegible] to see Wm Bateman this Eve—Clayton at C at the office Mr Mc still in bed to day.

8" Jan Friday. Snowed a little last night Homer out at Uncle Silas' on an errand—home at noon. Clayton at Springfield—Jason at home. Paul at our School. Mr Glass[?] called. Homer at the Congregational meeting this afternoon—He took supper at Aunt Bells. Mr. Fred Smith here for supper and to spend the evening with Mr Mc still in bed to day.

9" Jan Sat. Clayton at the Pranelle[?] mill and brought the buckwheat home. Mr. Co[?] called this morning—Homer at C—brought the mail out. He and Alvin Orr & Co- at Pitchin this P.M. and evening—Mr Mc sat up awhile to day for the first time since Christmas. Obed Knight from near Sidney came to day and will stop with as for awhile—Jason at Uncle Dan or at Wills to help with the husking. This Eve Wm took Uncle Joe home—Myriam in the kitchen. Paul around home to day. Mr Mc sat up awhile to day.

10" Jan. Sabbath—A cold day. Homer and Clayton and Jason and I at Sabbath School and Church—Paul at home with Mr Mc—Myriam in the kitchen. Prof McChesney preached today. Subject of discourse the Samaritan caring for the man that fell by the way side when going

down to Jerico [sic]. This Eve Homer Clayton and Jason at the young folks meeting and at the closing meeting of the week of prayer at the hall.

11" Jan. Monday. A cold day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School—[illegible] McMillan called. Wm made a trip down to his place—Homer went early to College--& Uncle Joe came out in his buggy. Maggie N here awhile this morning. This afternoon took Myriam [illegible] to her home in Clifton. I called to see Dr. Spanah[?] When I came to Cedarville I stopped at Aunt Marys. Homer had been there to dinner. This afternoon he and Alvin Orr out to see Mr. Clemens. Homer came home with me. Mr Mc been up most of the day but not feeling very well to day. Uncle Joe and Obed R- around.

12" Jan Tues A nice winter day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Homer went down to College early this morning. Uncle Joe & Obed around. A colored man here to contract chaffing. Mr Glass[?] called today. Homer at his lessons this afternoon. Clayton and Jason brought a letter from C this evening from Clara She expects to start home from Chicago in the morning. This Eve Mr. Alex Pugh came back. This P.M. Isaac took Maggie home. I am left alone now. Mr Mc still on the sick list.

13" Jan Wed. A cold winter day. I have been busy all day long—Alex at C for his [illegible] & Obed hauling [illegible] Wm. feeding. Uncle Joe around. Homer at College this morning—he came home at noon. Father[?] around the fire these days. Clayton & Jason at Selma School—Paul at our School. Mr. & Mrs. Morton [transcriber note: these are the pastor of Martha's church and his wife] called to see Mr Mc this afternoon and sat an hour. Mr. Oran Matthews called also to see [illegible] This afternoon Homer at Springfield for Clara—she came in on the nine Oclock train from Chicago—Harlan and Homer were at the train they had lunch at Adam's—Homer and Clara did not reach home until midnight. Wm Mc called.

Jan 14" Thursday. Sleet on the ground—all of us up at an early hour—Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Clara went down with Homer to the College this morning and rec'd a cordial greeting from the students—They were home again at noon. This P.M. Homer at his lessons he went down this Eve to the office—came home in time for supper and went to his lessons. Alex & Obed husking Wm. feeding Uncle Joe around—Mr Mc around the fire all day. Uncle Dan here.

15" Jan. Friday. The ground very slippery. Clayton & Jason at School—Paul at our School. Homer at College all day. He took dinner at Aunt Mary's he had his class this afternoon—home in time for supper—Then the next thing he went to Pitchin. Obed & Alex busy working all day but not for me. Uncle Joe busy. Clara has helped me all day. Alice called this P.M. This Eve Clayton at C on an errand. Can it be that this is our thirtieth marriage anniversary? Thirty years! How long it has been—this is another Era—another [illegible] world has opened up around us—Yet we are left—altho so many have fallen. The dead are elsewhere all along the way, but our race will soon be run—the last sunset. [transcriber note: Martha will be 53 on

January 26 and James is 63] Let me keep hopeful all the way, since there will be a glorious morning beyond the Setting Sun. Uncle Silas called this afternoon.

16" January Sat—Still a winter day. Homer took me to Cedarville this morning—I made but a brief stay. I met Prof McChesney in Bird's Store. I called to see Aunt Mary—It is very lonely without grandmother—Clara had dinner when we got back ready to serve—Miss [illegible] been around the [illegible] all day. This afternoon Homer took Clara to C – They did not get home until dark. Clayton and Jason at Springfield to day to bring horses—Claras [illegible] down—They took dinner at Adam's with Harlan—They got home at dark too. Wm has taken Uncle Joe home—I have had a busy day here—we are expecting Harlan tomorrow.

17" Jan Sabb A nice winter day. Through difficulties we all got to Sabbath School and church excepting Mr Mc and Paul. Alex and Obed are around—Homer Clara or Jason at Sabbath School—I called at Aunt Jane and brought her up to church—O yes Clayton was at home to day too. Harlan was at church and came out home with us. Mr. Morton's text was the story of the woman bringing the alabaster [illegible] of ointment to anoint Jesus. We have here a beautiful picture of a godly woman. Mary loved Jesus so much that she give expression of her love at great cost—and this is a pattern that we ought to follow—the Lord commended because she had done what she could. The best record we can leave is to have the historian say of us she hath done she could—and have the Saviour say she hath done a good work for me. Her love was practical and she expressed it in a practical way—Her love was food clothing and comfort—When we minister to the poor Jesus regards it as doing it for himself—Living companionship and personal contact is the best way to bring sinners to Christ. The picture of Gods servants adorn the gallery of heaven—and shall be loved and honored by the redeemed in the celestial city. And why? Because their deeds are practical. We should give to Christ the best of life—The best of our time. No good deed done for Christ will ever be lost. No kind word or deed or cup of cold water will ever be forgotten. Clara and I soon got the dinner when we came home. This Eve Jason at the meeting of the juniors. Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting. Harlan went back to Springfield this Eve—and Mrs. Nettie Anderson went back with him—she came down to church with him this morning.

18" Jan Monday. A nice winter day. Homer took Clara down to College—or rather they both went down to College and Uncle Joe brought the buggy back—both of them at Aunt Marys to dinner—Alex and Obed feeding—Obed Knight went away after dinner he had been here a little over a week—Dave Mc called this P.M.—Clayton and Jason at Selma School Paul at our School—Mr Mc around the fire all day. This Eve Jason went in the surrie [sic] to C – and brought Mrs. [illegible] out—She came on the five Oclock train from Cincinnati. Homer came out at the same time. Clara at Aunt Marys to night—She was at an entertainment at the Opera house to night.

19" Jan Tuesday. A bright day. Homer went down to College this morning came home at noon and this afternoon I took [illegible] back to town—He will be at Aunt Marys tonight and Clara is there too—Mrs. Nettie Russell has taken her place in the kitchen & is in charge of the

work—I made but a short stay in town—Several men here to see Mr Mc about the tennant [sic]house. On yesterday the man who had been looking after the tennant [sic] house here took dinner with us—His home is in the vicinity of Clifton. A man from Mr. [illegible] Creswells here to day to look for a location. Mr. [illegible] called Wm took wood to C & at the mill & brought Nettie [illegible]

20" Jan—Wed A cloudy day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School—Wm & Alex at the feeding. Mr Mc around the fire. Aunt Nettie at the work—Uncle Joe around all day. This has been a rough day—blowing and snowing. Uncle Joe at C—at the office this P.M.

21" Jan—[illegible] Cold—a light snow on the ground. Clayton was up most of the night with a tooth ache—this morning Jason went to Selma School alone and I went with Clayton to C to Dr. [illegible] office and he had two teeth filled and the aching tooth taken out—Clayton came back home and stayed at Aunt Marys to dinner and was at a meeting of the W.C. Y.U.—that met there this afternoon. Home and Clara at Aunt Marys—This Eve Clayton came down for me. Aunt Nettie at the work to day. Jason at School & Paul at our School. Mr. Jim Walthers[?] called here to day. Uncle Joe & Alex & Wm at the work. A man killed at the paper mill today. [transcriber note: this last sentence was crossed out; see entry for January 22]

22" Jan. Friday. Another cloudy day--& cold—Nettie at the work—Uncle Joe & Alex & Wm at the feeding. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. This afternoon I went down for Homer—he did not get ready to come until after the mail came in—Aunt Mary at Uncle [illegible] at a dinner to day. Clara at Aunt Marys She did not come out this Eve—Homer at Pitchin to night. Mr. Tindal here with Mr Mc awhile this P.M. This is by no means a pleasant evening. Mr. Ross killed at the paper mill to day.

23" Jan. Sat—Another gloomy day. Clayton at C at the B—shop this A.M. [illegible]. Mr [illegible] called this A.M. This afternoon Homer at town for Clara but she did not come—Father still around the fire—Nettie and I busy. This Eve Wm took Uncle Joe home. Jason & Paul around to day—A man here for lunch—we gave him dinner. Jason went down to C with Wm this Eve.

24" January Sabbath. Very cold down to zero this morning. Aunt Nettie and Paul at home with Mr Mc. Alex assisting Wm with the feeding. Homer and I went in the buggy to Sabbath School & I went down for Aunt Jane but it was too cold for her to come out. I was at the class part of the time Clayton and Jason went in the sleigh to Sabbath School and Church—Mr Mortons text "And they were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance—Clara came home with us from Church and went back with Homer when he went down to the young folk meeting. Clayton and Jason at the young folks meeting too—Uncle Joe came out with Jason this eve—Clayton waited and came out with Homer—I began reading in Peep of the Day to Paul to day. [transcriber note: Peep of the Day was a book which included a "series of early religious instructions the infant mind is capable of receiving, with

verses illustrative of the subject"] He will soon be able to read for himself—I heard Paul questions.

25" January. Monday Snow on the ground—It is below zero this morning—Will Mc & McDaniel & Dave McMann and Jim Mathews and Clayton & Will Stanforth took the hay & [illegible] to Mr. Tindal in Selma—Homer stayed out of College and went to Selma to see about the hogs. Jason at home from School to day too. Uncle Joe & Alex around at feeding Aunt Nettie busy. Mr Mc out and around the barn & bees to day for the first since before Christmas. This Eve Clayton took Homer down to Aunt Marys—and took the clothes to Mr & Mrs P—it has been two weeks since she washed for us before—We had 42 hogs to day to take to market. Paul at School—It has certainly been a cold day. Mrs. S—here this Eve—Uncle Joe there awhile.

26" January Tuesday. When I write the 26" I remember that this is my 53rd Birthday—I wonder if there is any one else that remembers it. This has been another cold day. It has been below zero. Alex in the wood shed most of the forenoon. Wm & Uncle Joe at the feeding. Clayton & Jason at Selma School—Paul at our School. Mr Mc around the fire all day. Nettie at the work—I have been busy too on different lines—Uncle Dan here most of the forenoon—Will Mc here this afternoon on a chatt[?] No communication from Cedarville to day.

27" January Wednesday. Still at zero. The ground covered with snow—Clayton & Jason went in the sleigh to Selma School this morning. Paul at School. Wm, Uncle Joe & Alex around all day. Mr Lanveres[?] son in law called—Mrs. John J[?] died yesterday. Mr Mc around the fire most of the time to day. Nettie at the work—This afternoon Uncle Joe made a flying trip to C—This Eve Clayton and Jason there. Maggie Haglin[?] here these morning to help me—Dick Townsley moving to the old Townsley farm to day.

28" January. Thursday. Cold to day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Alex, Uncle Joe & Wm looking after things—Nettie in charge of the home—Mr Mc and Paul and I at Aunt Marys to day for dinner—Homer & Clara at the College and home to dinner. This afternoon Aunt Mary and I up at the Missionary meeting at the prayer[?] meeting rooms. This Eve Clayton or Jason went in the sleigh to Hollingsworths with a Selma crowd. Homer came home this Eve with Alvie Orr & he went[?] to Selma.

29" January. Friday. Homer went down to the College in the sleigh this morning—Clayton & Jason at Selma School Paul at our School—Nettie and I [illegible]—Near noon Mr Mc went to town and Clara came out home with him. This Eve Mr Will Daniels came out on the five Oclock train from Xenia and Homer brought him out with him—After an early supper Homer went in the sleigh to Pitchin—Father and Clara and I spent the evening with Mr Daniels in the parlor and had a delightful time—Mr D with us to night. Wm, Uncle Joe & Alex are away at the feeding—I have been on the sick list to day.

30" January. Sat—Moderated Snow still with us. Homer and Clara took Mr Daniels to the ten Oclock train and spent the day in C—and practicing on their lessons—They did not return until time for tea this evening—Mr Mc around home all day. The man from the Bateman pasture[?]

near Charleston here to dinner This afternoon [blank] from Mr [illegible] Creswells here to see Mr Mc Nettie taking care of the work today. I am still feeling quite poorly. Clayton took Uncle Joe home & spent the afternoon in C—Alex called this afternoon—a man from off the pike here to dinner.

31" Jan—Sabbath—Quite a nice winter day. Mr Mc at church to day for the first since Christmas—Homer Clara Clayton & Jason at Sabbath School and church—The subject of Mr Mortons discourse—"Prayer"—Alex and Nettie here—Paul home with me—Clayton went to Aunt Marys from Church and came back with Jason from the young folks meeting—Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting too—Clara stayed at Aunt Marys and Homer came out alone—I heard Pauls lessons—Clayton read to us in the Sabbath Reading this eve—

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1" Feb. Monday—Still moderating but winter yet—Homer went down to the College this morning. Paul went along and got his hair cut and came back with Uncle Joe—Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School this afternoon—Uncle Dan called this morning—Nettie at the work—This afternoon Mr Mc at town to see [illegible] Harper and at the Farmers Institute awhile—he was home again before dark. Alice [illegible] this Eve—Clayton & Jason at C—the Institute to night—The Opera House packed—the meeting fine.

2" Feb—Tues Moderating—snow going off a little. Clayton and Jason at Selma School—Paul at our School. Nettie in charge here—Uncle Joe and Alex around. They repacked the meat. Mr [illegible] Mr Mc and I at the Farmers Institute—We went this morning took our basket and took dinner with Aunt Mary. Homer and Clara at the College and to dinner too. This afternoon at the meeting again it was fine—Had an Essay from Mrs Paul[?]-and a Declamation from Jenni Morton. Homer and Clara at the meeting. Mr Mc and I home at dark—This Eve Clayton & Jason at a Candy pulling at Alley[?] Wildmans and McDormans—Nettie done a small washing.

3" Feb—Wed—Moderating considerable—Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Wm Uncle Joe & Alex feeding. Mr Mc drove over to see [Blank]. he was home at noon—This afternoon I called at the Cedarville bank to see Mr George[?] Harper—I also called to see Mr Sterrett and spent half an hour with Mary Caldwell—I met Mr James McElroy in C-- I called to see Mrs Prigg[?]-She did not wash for us this week—Mr Glass called this P.M.—I spent a little while with Clara & Homer at Aunt Marys. Nettie busy to day.

4" Feb Thurs Quite a winter day, but not so cold—not to zero. Uncle Dan here awhile this A.M. chatting with Mr Mc Clayton and Jason at Selma School Paul at our School. Nettie sweeping up stairs and putting things in order—I have been busy too. Wm taking corn for feed to the mill to day. This Eve all at home.

5th of Feb—Friday. The snow going off the ground very slippery. Clayton and Jason at Selma School—Paul at our School. Alex and Uncle Joe around home—Wm feeding. This morning Mr Mc and I went down to C—and left [illegible] and the buggy for Homer—and took Frank[?] and

the other buggy and went out to Uncle Bighams—When we got there Uncle Bigham had gone to Clifton and Mr Mc went there and brought him home—Aunt Jeanette had a nice dinner when they came back—When we started home the weather had changed to rain and sleet—Homer and Clara at the Clifton Opera House to an entertainment given by the Cedarville College—Clayton and Jason there too—Nettie getting along nicely to day with the work--

6th Feb—Sat—Quite a rough day. The ground very slippery. It has rained most of the day. Wm Alex and Uncle Joe all busy. Paul and Jason around—Nettie at the work. Near noon Mr Mc and Clayton left for Springfield—Alice here this A.M. This Eve Wm took Uncle Joe down home—Homer came this eve from Aunt Marys—he has been busy at his lessons all day. Mr. Mc and Clayton reached home about dark—Most of the family retired early. Jason and Paul around home all day.

7th Feb. Sabbath. A very pleasant winter day—some snow on the ground. Homer & Clayton at home Nettie and Alex here also. Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church—I went down for Aunt Jane but she did not go—Mr Mc at church. Mr Mortons text “If any man speak, let him speak as the Oracles of God; if any many minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth; that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ to whom be praise and dominion for ever and every, Amen.” The great end for which we live and work is that God may be glorified. The Theme of the text—No work too small to put our religion into it. If you are sad and discouraged nothing will add so much to our happiness as to go out to work for God—Go and see some afflicted one—carry bread to some hungry one—The sadness would soon be gone and love and peace & joy would fill our hearts. We do not need our religion on the Sabbath day but on the week days as well. Lifes battles are fought on the week days when we are brought close to the world—the flesh—and the Devil. The world estimates the value of our religion by our daily life and walk. The world keeps a close watch on those that are Christians. Let us honor God and do all to his glory in everything all the week throughout. On yesterday Clara went up to Springfield with Aunt Bell and her girls and stayed at the Stuarts and she and Sadie came down with Harlan to church this morning and came out with me from church—after lunch this eve Harlan and Sadie went back to Springfield—Jason at the young folks meeting—Mr Mc and [I] attended the revival services at the U. P. Church—conducted by Rev. L. E. Hawks and Prof A. C. McClellen the house filled to the utmost capacity—Subject—“Grieve not the Spirit”—I heard Paul and Claytons questions this Eve.

8th Feb—Monday—Snowed last night & thawing today. Homer & Clara went down to the College this morning & Uncle Joe came back in their conveyance. Paul at our School Clayton at Selma School alone. Jason down at Orrs on business and around home the rest of the day. Wm & Alex feeding Nettie busy. Mr Mc and C- this A.M.—took dinner at Aunt Marys with Homer and Clara—He came home in time for supper—This evening he and I went down to revival services at the U. P. Church—Jason took the clothes to Mrs P- (we did not take them last week) and was at the church too—Sermon by Rev L.E. Hawks Subject The Golden God—or Aarons Golden calf—Sermon fine I am sorry I did not take down the notes—Alice called this evening.

Nettie busy. This afternoon I called at Worleys and at Will Mc S and spent an hour with Etta—Uncle Dan was here awhile this afternoon—Although Fannie is so far away we did not forget that this was her birthday—I wonder if she remembers it. One thing I remember about the sermon that it is always wrong to do wrong—and wrong done is always greater and far reaching in its results than any of us ever dream at the time—there are no little sins with God.

9" Feb. Tues. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Wm & Alex & Uncle Joe at the feeding and removing the potatoes from the cellar for Springfield market—Near noon Mr Mc left for Charleston to see Mr Houston. He learned that his last years shipment of wool was sold in Boston—Mr Mc home in time for supper—This afternoon Mamie & Harry Nye called—also Ella Worley. This Eve Clayton at Orrs at a business meeting of the Jr.—C.E.L. Jason remained at home to look over his coming Fridays declamation. Nettie busy. This Eve Mr Mc and I at the U. P. revival service—The interest on the increase—Rev L. E. Hawks text—"Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." All you need to be saved is to have a desire to be saved—you can never take away your sin—all you can do is to come to Christ and bring you sins to him—and he will put them away. When we go forward at God's command in our Christian life God is honored—and our safety is secured—and the power of the enemy is broken—and the enemy is driven back and defeated—There is on Sense in which every man & women & living soul is going forward and that is in point of time—Every step we take we are either that much nearer to heaven or to hell. Let every one stop and enquire which way I am traveling. After preaching Mr Mc and I drive down to Aunt Marys—she and Homer at the meeting tonight—Clara at home at Aunt Marys at her [illegible]

10" Feb.—Wed. A beautiful winter day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School—Wm [illegible] left with thirty five bushel [sic] of potatoes for Springfield at 25 cts per bus. Uncle Joe and Alex feeding—Mr Mc around home all day. Mr Al Stormont called so also did Mr Andsen from across the country—An all day prayer meeting at the U. P. Church to day. I would like to have been there—Nettie at the work This Eve Mr Mc and I at the revival at the U. P. Church—Clayton & Will Mc and Jason all at the revival too. Subject Gods unspeakable gift—Homer at the meeting to night too—

11" Feb. Thurs. Quite a dreary day—drizzling snow and rain this afternoon. Mrs Worley here and spent the day—but had a very dreary day as I did not have my head up all day—One of my old billious spells came back this morning. This Eve at late bed time the clouds began to lift a little—Mr Mc went to C- this A. M. and did not get back until late this afternoon—Mrs Worley dined with Uncle Joe and Alex and Nettie. This afternoon Uncle Joe took Nettie to C- were gone only a short time—This Eve Clayton and Alex at C- and at the revival meeting—Mr Mc and Jason & Paul around the fire—Clayton Jason & Paul at School.

12" Feb—Friday. Very cloudy—Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Uncle Joe & Nettie and Alex in charge of the home & Wm feeding. At ten O'clock Mr Mc and I attended Mrs [illegible] Crawfords funeral at the U. P. Church—She died Wednesday Eve—Dr. Carson & Dr Robb and Mr Warnock[?] conducted the exercises—Notwithstanding her beautiful

robe[?] and casket she had to be layed in the cold earth in the Xenia Cemetery. Father and I stopped at Aunt Marys and took dinner with Clara and Homer and Uncle Silas and Wallie[?] there. Homer up at the College at his lessons this P. M. and then we waited until five when Homer came out home with father and I stayed in for the evening meeting. I took supper with Aunt Mary and Clara—Clara and Jennie Morton went up to the young folks rally at the U. P. Church—Aunt Mary and I went up together—the church crowded Rev Hawks remarks was founded on the call of John—Jason & Will Mc & Wm Stanforth at the meeting. Clayton there and I came home with him Mr Mc at the fire when I came home. Uncle Joe & Paul had retired & Nettie also. Homer at Pitchin tonight—Aunt Mary getting ready to go to see Aunt Mary Walker[?] on Monday—I was to go along but Aunt Bell will go in my place—

13" Feb. Sat. There is a general thaw out—the ground very muddy. Jason out at Uncle Silas's on an errand—Clayton down at George [illegible] shop. Frank Orr came home with the boys to help home with a hog—he was here with them to dinner. This P.M. Will Mc called—This Eve Clayton took Frank home and took supper with Clara at Aunt Marys—Aunt Hallie[?] and Aunt Mary at Springfield to day—Homer did not get up until late and after an early dinner left for Springfield—he did not get back until late—well not very late either—near ten—the roads were bad indeed. Wm took Uncle Joe home

14" Feb. Sabb. Quite a mild day. The mud is deep—Nettie and Alex at home—Homer and Clayton and Jason & Paul and I at Sabbath School and church—I drive down for Aunt Jane—Mr Mc at church—Dr Mortons text—Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, we speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness". The house was so full of smoke from one of the stoves that Mr Morton concluded his sermon before it was half finished. After preaching went down with Aunt Mary to stay there to night. Clara came home with us from church and went back with Clayton and Jason to the young folks meeting—and they all attended the revival services at the U. P. Church—Clara remained at Aunt Marys to night—I heard Pauls questions.

15" Feb Monday—Very Cloudy. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. I went down early this morning to see Aunt Mary and Aunt Bell off to Yorktown Ind to see Aunt Mary Wallker[?] who is very near her last—Uncle Silas & Ervin took them to the train—I stayed at Marys until noon preparing dinner for Homer & Clara when they came down from the College—They will keep house there in Aunt Marys absence—I came home with Uncle Joe in time for a one Oclock lunch—Mr Mc at Charleston to see [illegible] Houston—he did not get home until six Oclock Mr Brown[?] Sr and Uncle Dan here & spent most of the afternoon. This Eve Clayton and Jason at revival services at the Quaker Church—Wm & Alex hauling manure[?] this afternoon—

16" Feb—Tues Bright sunshine Nettie washed today—I attended to the work. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Wm & Alex hauling manure[?—Uncle Joe around—This afternoon a peddler here with his son buying pelts both here to dinner. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at C. I called at Prof McChesneys to see their son—I spent the rest of the time with

Clara. She and Homer are entertaining Blanch and Mary and Jennie M—to a [illegible] O'clock dinner—Mr Mc called to Bill and Mrs Mitchel. This Eve Clayton and Jason at the revival meeting at the Quaker Church at Selma.

17" Feb. Wed. A gloomy day but almost like Spring. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Wm & Alex & Uncle Joe around—Nettie in charge of the house—Mr Mc went to C- this morning with Prince for Homer to go to Springfield—he came back home and I went with him to Pitchin to the Farmers Institute We had some good speakers and a nice dinner at the lunch room given by the ladies of the M. E. Church—J. R. Orr and Mr Tom Stewart was near us at the table—we called and spoke to the Worley family as we came home. Mr Wintz Mr [illegible] Houstons cousin was found dead in his bed this morning in Charleston. This Eve all at home. Paul and I took a little walk down to Alice's this Evening for a change—

18" Feb—Thurs Bright a little while the rest of the time very cloudy—Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc at Spragues sale near Charleston—This Eve he drove in Charleston—he was at the drug store—& brought out a Fountain [illegible] Alex husking to day. Uncle Joe around & Wm husking this P. M. This afternoon I went to see called to see Mrs P- Settled up with her [transcriber note: Mrs. P does some of the laundry]—and spent an hour with Clara—Homer & Mr [illegible] in Xenia to day. Willie around to day. This Eve Clara and Jason at a business meeting Jr. C. E. at Charlie Gallwreaths[?]

19" Feb. Friday. A beautiful day almost like Spring—Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School—Mr Mc & Uncle Joe around home all day. Alex husking Wm at work—Nettie busy. This morning Mr Brown called—and the pelt peddler. I drove down and brought Aunt Jane out—and Ellen staying with Aunt Matt. Aunt Jane here until after her supper when Mr Mc took her home She has certainly had a bright day here—This Eve Homer came out with Uncle Dan—After supper he went to Pitchin. Clayton & Jason at revival meeting at Selma Quaker church—We had a long letter from Fred [transcriber note: Martha's oldest son] he is at Chicago at his work. A man here for a lunch to day.

20" Feb—Sat—Quite a Thunderstorm this morning early and later in the day rained sleet. It has surely been a disagreeable day. Near noon Home left for C- Perhaps he and Clara will go to Springfield this afternoon—Not much being accomplished to day—There has not been a ray of sunshine to day. Wm & Alex & Uncle Joe and Wm Mc & Clayton and Jason and Paul around home all day. Nettie and I busy. Alice here this A.M.—This Eve Wm & Jason took Uncle Joe home. Jason waited at Aunt Marys alone until Homer & Clara came back from Springfield to bring the horse and buggy home—Mr Mc & I sat up until he came—He brought a letter from Fannie [transcriber note: Martha's oldest daughter Frances and first born] from Port Jervis N.Y. and one from Chicago from Fred—both far away but not forgotten.

22" [sic] [transcriber note: the date should be the 21st] Feb. Sabb. A very gloomy day—the roads almost impassable—Clayton & Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and Church—I went down after Aunt Jane but she did not come to church to day—Mr Mc at Church—Alex and

Nettie keeping house—Mr Mortons text “I sleep but my heart waketh, it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, open to me, my sister, my love, my undefiled for my head is filled with dew and my locks with the drops of the night.” [transcriber note: Song of Solomon 5:2, King James Bible] The theme of the text is the closed door—or the attitude of the drowsy Christian toward Christ. What is the state of our soul—The door of the heart is closed against Christ. What are some of the bolts that bar the door against Christ. Ignorance and the love of the world—and unbelief are bolts that close the door. Notice Christs attitude to us—He makes the first offer of reconciliation—He has long been waiting and knocking for an entrance into our hearts—If he had waited for us poor sinners to have come to him where would we have all been to day. Every chapter read—every prayer we offer—every Sermon we hear is the Saviour knocking at the door of our hearts—Some of Christs loudest knocks are by his providence Christ standeth—it implies he may at any time go away. It is extremely dangerous to trifle[sic] with the knocking of Jesus—If we heed his knocking and arise and bid him welcome & open the door and receive him into our hearts—when that last great day comes when we come to knock at His door will we not be made forever happy by his opening to us the door into the glorious home above— Homer & Clara went both to their house keeping at Aunt Marys—It was too bad for the boys to go to their meeting this Eve—Homer leads the young folks meeting this Eve— Clayton Jason & Paul recited their catechism this Eve. Very dark this eve—it is raining a little.

22” Feb – Monday. This is Washingtons birth day – The day we celebrate – The School & College closed – Although it is 165 years to day since George Washington was born yet he lives in the heart of the people – This morning Clayton took a horse down for Homer to go to Springfield – He and Uncle Joes came back near noon – This has been a dark raining day – Work in a manner suspended Wm, Alex & Clayton and Jason, and Uncle Joe and Mr Mc and Paul around home – Nettie at the work. This eve Clayton at C- at the office and brought Homers horse home. The [illegible] are having a Banquet at the College to night – It is a very important affair. One of the Dobbs[?] men from Xenia here this afternoon – Uncle Dan here awhile too -

Tuesday 23” Feb The weather gradually changing [sic] day. This Eve it is much colder— Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School—Uncle Joe and Alex cleaning up the Orchards—Nettie washing—I attended to the other work and baked—Mr Mc around home all day. Alice called this P.M. This Eve all at home around the camp.

24” Feb Wed. Bright Sunshine—but very muddy. Clayton and Jason at Selma School—Paul at our School. Uncle Joe cleaning up the Orchard. Wm & Alex husking corn—Nettie in charge of the house keeping. Mr Mc and I took our basket and took dinner with Aunt Mary. Home & Clara at the College and there as usual. Walter [?] in town and there to dinner also. Mr Mc drove out to see Archie McElroy[?].—After he came back I left him chatting with Aunt Mary & took Mand [transcriber note: appears to be the name of the horse; short for “Amanda”?] & the buggy and went up to town As I drove back I came in contact with the Wittenberg Band boys who were out on parade— (as they hold forth in the Opera House here this Evening). Mand kept all right until she came as far as the big horn and drums when she took fright and made a

sudden turn that broke the wood work under the buggy—and if Mr Mc and Homer had not come to me at that point I do not know what the end would have been—for the buggy fell right into two leaving me in a dangerous place. Homer went out and got a buggy for us to come home in—I called to see Prof McChesney—their baby very sick. This Eve Wm & Clayton in C- On yesterday Evening Aunt Bell and Aunt Mary came home from Ind. They stayed all night in Dayton last night and attended the revival meeting at the Soldiers home.

25" Feb Thurs. Rather a pleasant day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School—Paul at our School. Uncle Joe & Wm and Alex at work—Nettie in the kitchen—Mr Mc across at Rolland Kyles sale—I went down to town to attend the Womens Missionary Society but on account of the funeral of Prof McChesneys infant son the Society meeting was postponed—I called at Aunt Janes—got to See Aunt Matt—I spent an hour with Aunt Mary until the mail came in—Homer at Springfield this A.M. for flowers for the funeral—He and Clara at Aunt Marys—This Eve all of us at home around the fire—

26" Feb—Friday. A blustery day—blowing and snowing—Clayton and Jason at Selma School—Paul at our School—Wm at C- this A.M. with corn for C. H. [illegible]—Alex bringing in wood—Nettie ironing—Uncle Joe around—On yesterday as I went to C- I called in and spent an hour with Della & Sallie—This afternoon Mr Mc went through the storm for C- and was home again in time for tea—Clayton and Jason at Wm [illegible] spending the evening—Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Paul and I around the camp—Nettie and Alex with us.

27" Feb. Sat Still cold—but moderated a little. After an early dinner Clayton and Jason took a load of corn to Selma—Corn only 20 cts per bushel—I have been busy all day baking—Nettie in the kitchen too. This eve Cephas Denny called looking for work—we concluded to keep him for a few days—Alex chopping all day. Wm feeding Uncle Joe around—This P.M. Will Mc called—This eve Homer came back or out from C- with Frank Townsley when passing and after supper took a trip to Selma—I object to such trips on Saturday Eve—for we should remember that "tomorrow is Sabbath." Wm took Uncle Joe home.

28" Feb. Sabbath. A cloudy day—Homer Clayton Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church. I went down for Aunt Jane but she stayed with Aunt Matt—Mr Mc at church Mr Mortons text—"After ye have suffered awhile make you perfect, establish settle you." [transcriber note: I Peter 5:10, King James Bible] Clara was at church and she came home with us. Homer went back to Aunt Mary. Clayton went there too—he and Homer attended Mr Hutchinsons "talk to men only" at the Opera House—and in the evening the young folks meeting—Clara went down with Jason to the meeting and went back to Aunt Marys to night—Homer and Clayton came back with Jason. Nettie called at Alices this Eve—Alex and Cephas around to day. This Eve Clayton Jason & Paul recited their questions—We read the Sabbath School lesson for next Sabbath.

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1" March. Monday. A pleasant day—but gloomy—Jason at Selma School alone—Homer took the Pony with him to C- he and Spense going to Xenia to day. Paul at our School. Near noon Mr Mc left for Springfield—to attend to some errands—he came home a little after dark it is very dark to night—Clayton at home getting the horses ready for the London sale tomorrow. This afternoon he was down at the shop. Alice rode down with him and Uncle Joe came home with them—Nettie at the work—I have been at home all day.

2" March Tuesday. Very gloomy raining all forenoon—a little after four Clayton had his breakfast and he and Lafe Frost[?] and his friend left with horses for the London sale—Wm Mc went to Selma with Jason when he went to school and went on the early train to London. Paul at our School—Nettie washed to day—I attended to the work in the kitchen—Alex & Cephas in the wood shed all A.M.—Wm around the barn—Uncle Joe around the fire. This P.M. Cephas helping Wm put on feed. Jason waited in Selma until the six O'clock train came down and father came home with him—Clayton and his crowd did not get home until two hours later. They were all here for supper at different hours. Mr Mc went to Mr Stephen Phifers[?] Stand in London to find what time he would be in and learned that he had rented his home and everything and broken up entirely and he and Mrs P- had gone to Annie's [?], their daughter, to live with them. After he found that home and these friends were gone he next inquired about his friend Mr John Mitchel—who has also been tried and proved faithful and true but only to learn that he was gone—He died about a week ago—and his body was layed away in the old London Cemetery—Mr Mc said that he felt almost a stranger in the town that these friends who were his age were gone There seemed to be no one left to look to and depend upon any more—But this is life here. Wm Mc was here awhile this afternoon—It is very dark to night.

3" March. Wed. Quite a dreary day. Getting a little colder—The ground very soft. Business on a stand still. Clayton and Jason at Selma School Paul at our school—Uncle Joe & Alex and Cephas around-- & Wm. too—Nettie at the work. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at congregational prayer meeting. The subject was bringing out tithes into the God's house. After the meeting the Women's missionary society meet—Aunt Mary is President of it. Mr Mc and I were down at Aunt Marys before we came home. Riley Little got off the train this eve—Clayton and Jason at Bryants at a party to night—the rest of us around the lamp.

4" March Thursday A gloomy day. Mr Mc and I at C -- expecting to see Riley Little—after we had dinner at Aunt Marys Mr Mc went to Clifton and did not wait to see Riley—Homer and Clara at the College and at Aunt Marys as usual—Riley came in to see me this afternoon—He & Clara had a formal speaking—I called to see Prof McChesney this P.M.—we came home before dark—all of us here around the lamp—Clayton & Jason retired early. President McKinley took his seat today.

5" March. Friday. Almost constant rain last night and to day—The banks of all the streams overflowing—they call it a flood. On acct of the waters raising Miss Wylie dismissed School at

noon Bennie and Earl McClain came home with Paul and were here to dinner when some of the men took them home—Clayton and Jason at Selma School—This eve Mr Mc & Paul at C—Homer came home with Uncle Dan & after supper he went to Pitchin. I have not been well to day. Alice called this Eve—Clayton at Stanforths this Eve.

6" March Sat. Uncle Joe and Alex & [illegible] up fences that were washed away late this afternoon Wm took Uncle Joe home—Jason took Homer down this P.M.—[illegible] stayed at Aunt Marys for dinner and returned late this P.M.—Homer was here all night—Mr Mc around home all day. Clayton at Will Mc on an errand this Eve.—Paul around all day—Nettie busy. I helped with the ironing.

7 March. Sabb. A chilly day gloomy most of the time. Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School. I went down after Aunt Jane She and Aunt Ellen both at church—Our nephew Riley Little from the Mission Church in Chicago preached for Mr. Morton to day. His text "I beseech you by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice"—consecration the theme of the discourse. Homer and Clara at the Sabbath School and Church. Jason went down with Homer to Aunt Marys and Clara came home with us—and went back with Clara to the Young folks meeting this Eve—They all went to the U.P. Church to hear Riley preach—Clayton and Jason came home alone—Pauls lessons heard.

8" March. Monday. A clear day—until noon—This afternoon gloomy sprinkling rain. Clayton & Jason at Selma School—Paul at our School. Near noon Mr Mc left for Xenia Mr Will Mitchel went with him from C—Uncle Joe came out with Uncle Dan—Alex & Cephas husking this A.M. Wm around. Alice and the children here this P.M. Uncle Joe there this eve. Nettie worked to day. I attended to the other work. This Eve Mr Mc returned at dark—Clayton and Jason at C—to take their missionary money to the C. E. treasure. Miss Branscom called this P.M.

9" March. Tuesday. Damp and cloudy this morning Wm at duty—Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School—Mr Mc around home all day. Mr Van Cozier [?] of Springfield here to dinner and spent a little while with us—Wm absent today at a sale—Alex and Cephas busy all day long feeding. Uncle Joe along—This has been a rainy day. This Eve Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and I at our church to hear Mrs. M. Pently speak on social purity—We had a very interesting talk. We called down at Aunt Marys. She and Clara both at the meeting. Homer at Halfields at party to night. Susie Hansel buried to day. Nettie busy to day. Mr Mc and I called at Worleys this P.M.

10" March. Wed. Quite a bright day. Our lame boy Cephas Denney who Mr Mc hired for the Summer left this morning without any formal leave taking—Wm chopping wood on his own acct. to day. Jason at home helping Alex with the feeding. Uncle Joe around all day helping bring in corn—Clayton at School at Selma—Paul at School. Mr Jim Hill and co called. Mr John Moorman here—Mr Mc around with him all A.M.—Mrs Moorman here to dinner—This afternoon Mr Mc at Mr Amos Creswells. Came home past 6. This Eve Alice here again and Uncle Joe there.

11" March. Thurs. A gloomy day. Phillip the german called. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School—I have been busy all A.M. Mr Mc around home all day. Alex feeding Wm here this P.M. This afternoon I went to town—I called in to see Mrs Pigg—and called to see Mr Mortons and also to see Lizzie [illegible] and spent a very short time with Aunt Mary—and reached home in time for supper—Homer and Clara at Aunt Marys—A linen peddler from Cincinnati here this morning. Uncle Daniel here this A.M.—This Eve Clayton and Jason at a business meeting at Orrs. This is Clara's birthday. I did not forget it.

12" March. Friday. Quite a windy day. Clayton at home from school to take a horse down to J. R. Orr to see He was at home helping out with the work the rest of the time—Alex feeding—Wm chopping. Jason at Selma School. Uncle Joe around all day. Nettie busy. Near noon Mr Mc left for Springfield—he went by way of Cedarville and took the buggy that was broken a few weeks ago to be repaired. He took supper with Harlan & [illegible] Carson at Adams. He did not get home until late—I have been busy all day—It is getting much colder this evening he rode in with Uncle Dan—After supper he drove out up the Pike.

13" March. Sat—Quite disagreeable blustery day—getting colder. Jason took Homer down this morning and went to Dr Homans office and got four teeth filled. He was home again at noon—Mr Mc around all morning. This afternoon Clayton at town with food for Aunt Jane. Wm Stanforth here on a settlement. Warner [illegible] called. Alex feeding. This afternoon Paul walked up see Earnest Van Croft and spent the afternoon—This Eve Wm took Uncle Joe home. The rest of us at home—Nettie and I busy

14" March. Sabb. Quite a windy disagreeable day. Paul not feeling very well after his visit yesterday. Clayton and I at Sabbath School—I went down after Aunt Jane but she did not go to church. Mr Mc at church alone—Several of our long absent ones at church to day. H. Stormont & John McCorkle & wife. Mr Morton text "My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the bed of spices, to feed in the garden, and to gather lilies." [transcriber note: text from Song of Solomon 6:2] Christ is here presented as the nearest and dearest of all relationships. The theme of the text is Christ in the garden, in the [illegible] very soul. The church is Christ's garden it is a precious spot where Christ has planted the choicest germs of heavenly growth. Christ visits us in our hearts—in our homes and in our church—There are fruits to be found here in which he delights—there are congenial spirits that have the same father and are going to the same glorious home. If the Saviour does not find the fruits of the Spirit when he comes he will not tarry long. There is not anything that pleases Christ so much as strong unwavering faith. He wants us to look to him and trust him and nothing grieves him so much as a lack of faith—a doubting distrusting spirit. He comes seeking the flowers of love. Love is the crowning grace of the Christian. The other graces are modifications and outgrowths of love. When the Saviour comes and finds the flowers of love blooming in our hearts in our homes and in our church he remains but if there are dead and decayed he goes away—He never stays where there is malice and hatred and envy and jealousy—he will abide where these dwell. We must have faith—love—and obedience if we would please Christ—Harlan came down to

church—Nettie Anderson came down with him and returned with him. Homer went back to Aunt Marys—Clara came out with Harlan. After lunch he went back to his home in Springfield. Clara rode down with him to the Young folks meeting. Clayton went down to the C. E. meeting alone—Jason and Paul at home to day with Nettie and Alex. This is Harlan's birth day—How the years go by.

15" March—Monday Moderated considerable. Clayton at Selma School alone. Paul at our School. Jason at C—at Dr Homans getting his teeth reviewed. He returned at noon bringing Uncle Joe out. A letter from Fred—he is on a little strike—not settled yet. Wm here helping Alex with the feeding. Nettie washed to day. I attended to the other work—This afternoon Wm here looking over his accts again with Mr Mc. Jason out with Alex. This Eve Clayton and Jason at Amos Creswells to see [transcriber note: the entry ends here]

16" March. Tuesday. Gloomy again to day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School Alex and Uncle Joe around. Nettie in charge of the home—This morning Mr Mc and I went to town. We took dinner at Aunt Marys—Mr Mc drove up in the forenoon to be at Amos Creswells and in the afternoon he drove out to Uncle Silas's and down to the McWhirk farm to see Stanley. I called to see Mr Morton. As we came home this Eve I called in to see Alice—They move to the late J. [illegible] Millan farm tomorrow—Clayton and Jason & Paul down there this Eve—at Wm Stanforths and Alices—at the tenant house for a last meeting.

17" March. Wed. A gloomy day. The Stanforth family move out to J & S (?) to day This morning [Blank] called and and Mr Mc contracted with him for eight months at \$105 dollars. Mr Mc at C- this morning—home again at noon—I called at Wesleys this morning but Mrs W—not at home—Uncle Joe & Alex around all day. Our new man will not be here until tomorrow. Clayton and Jason at Selma School Paul at our School. Nettie and I busy to day. This afternoon rain. This Eve Mr Mc and I at Friends Church at Selma to hear [illegible] Aaron [Illegible] lecture on "Woman as a Citizen"

18" March. Thurs. A cloudy day. Mr Bazel called and carried the Bible over from the Bible Soc. Mr Mc over at Nelson Reids sale to day. I went in the carriage to Aunt Marys and Homer took [illegible] and he and Miss Anderson went to Xenia this afternoon—Aunt Bell brought the carriage around and Aunt Mary and I rode with her up to the W.C.T.U. meeting at Mrs. Alexanders. I called at Aunt Janes—was home near dark. [Blank] came this morning and began work. [Transcriber note. This is evidently the "new man" that Martha mentioned on March 17; it appears that for some reason she does not yet know his name, thus the blank space. She also left the name blank in the March 17 entry about Mr Mc signing a contract with him] Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School—Alex and Nettie and Uncle Joe here to day.

19" March. Friday—Rain all of last night and to day. Clayton at school alone to day as Jason was not ready in time. Paul at our School. Uncle Joe [Blank] [Transcriber note: again this blank space appears to represent the "new man" working on the farm] & Alex and Mr Mc and Jason around all day. Nettie and I busy. This Eve Clayton and Jason at town on an errand. The

Outlook came in this Eve. Prof Henry Drummond of Scotland the well known author of Drummonds Addresses died March 11 aged forty five years. This [illegible] are fine.

20" March. Saturday. It cleared up last night about five O'clock and a rain bow appeared—This Eve the rain began falling again in the sunshine we had quite a little shower and it cleared up again and a rain bow appeared. On yesterday Eve Homer rode out from C- with Uncle Dan—here for supper—and after supper he took his weekly trip to Pitchin—and was here last night and this A.M. This morning Mr Mc and I went to see Wesleys at the old Scott house—They are moving out to day. Clayton helping them away with a load. Mrs Wesley has been kind to us during her years stay. This afternoon I took Homer back to C- I made but a brief stay—Clara and Blanch went over to Jamestown this afternoon—Jason at C- and brought [illegible] Cast out—This Eve he took Uncle Joe home. Alex & Wm feeding. We had a letter from Fred—he is still off from his work at Chicago—He was at Albia Dona (?) for the present. Clayton has had a faithful day—it is nine O'clock and he is just getting home—By the way this is his birthday—we did not forget it—neither did he I am sure.

21" March. Sabbath. Gloomy part of the time. No rain to day—Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and Church—Homer and Clara there with Aunt Mary and went back there after preaching again—Mr Mc at church—Mr. Mortons text "Tell me O thou whom my soul lovest, where thou feedest—where those walkest thy flocks to rest at noon, for why should I be as one that turnest aside by the flocks of thy companions. If thou know not thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the Shepherd tents." [Song of Solomon 1:7-8, KJV] Nettie and Alex and Wm at home to day. This Eve Clayton and Jason at the Junior C. E. They also attended the Sen C. E. at the Church. Clara led this evening the meeting.

22" March Monday. Gloomy this morning but the rest of the day pleasant. Our good man from Adams Co Wm—left us this morning This loss we deeply feel. He went away on the morning train. This morning I went to town for Uncle Joe Clara came home with me too. Mr Mc and Alex & Jason around home—Clayton went to Selma School alone. Paul at our School—This afternoon Warner Hamilton and Coz here helping open a pit of potatoes—Clara serving Nettie at her work—This afternoon I took a Bible and papers over to Mrs Marshal—She is not well—When I came back I called to see Esther McMillan—The papers are all seriously (?) over with an acct of Scott Jackson & Alonza Walling execution on Saturday for the murder of Peasal Bryan—the papers have been full of the trial for over a year now—It is time the matter was settled and the people can have a rest. Cary Wilton Halton [transcriber note: see entry for March 24; this is the "new man."] from Amos Creswells family of Pike Co moved into the tenant house to day.

23" March Tuesday. Began raining this morning before seven – and it cleared off before eleven. Mr Mc and Clara and Uncle Joe and I at home all day at our work. Clayton and Jason at Selma Scchool. Paul at our School. Alex feeding. This Eve [blank] [transcriber's note: this is the "new man" mentioned in the entry for March 22] getting in wood for his place. Nettie

washed to day and we attended to the other work. At half past seven Mr Mc and Clara and Clayton and Jason and I at our church – Sermon by Rev. W. R. Chesnut Editor of the Advocate [illegible] “Which shall know by every man the plague of his own heart.” Sin prostrates all the energies of the Soul -- There is not anything more dangerous to soul to think because they have connected them selves with the Church that their work is all done and they are saved for eternity while they are dead and every energy prostrated – Sin is exceedingly treacherous. There are a great many great minds in Science and in worldly things –Yet they fall beneath those who have their mind enlightened by the Spirit of God rich in love and heirs of the Kingdom -- An enlightened and saved soul grasps everything that is good and grand and enabling in life -- How changed a sinner is when Christ comes into the heart all pride and arrogance and egotism and selfishness gone – and the new born soul says all for Jesus my self for Jesus – A new creature – the old hateful self gone – all for Jesus all for his praise, glory to glory! Paul at home with Uncle Joe & Alex & Nettie. Mrs Tindal and Mr Marion Wildman called this morning.

24” March. Wed. Winter again Blowing and snowing – Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Our new man Casy Wilton Holton began work in the wood shed this morning while it was storming. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School [translators note: one of the few times that Martha repeats herself in the same entry] –Clara hem stitching the dresses [illegible] Nettie in the Kitchen. Uncle Joe and Alex and Mr Mc at home all day. This Evening Clayton and I at the services at our church -- Rev Chestnut Subject “Moses Choice” – We had a nice meeting.

25” March. Thurs. Still blowing and snowing Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Alex and Casy H. feeding—Uncle Joe and Mr Mc around Clara busy—Nettie at her work. After an early dinner I formed myself into a committee of one and called to see Hugh Stormont at Edd Smiths and drove out to Mr Archie McElroys—then called at the Walker home to see Mr James McElroy—He is sick – When I came back I reported this sick brother to Mr Morton and he called to see him this afternoon. Aunt Mary and Mrs. Holton were at the Springs to day at a Co meeting of the W.C.T.U. I reached home at three Oclock—so I called in to see the Holton family as I came home. This morning Robert Mitchel from Carters Creek called – had a lunch – I gave him a testament – although colored he is a grand soul. This Eve. Mr Mc and Clara and Jason and I at church Bro Chestnuts text “Prepare to meet thy God is solemn and the duties and responsibilities of life are solemn – Life here is a preparation for the life to come. A meeting between God and man is inevitable – to see the carelessness and indifference with what the world [illegible] on it seems that this can never come. Each one in order to be prepared to meet God has a work to do which no other can do – It is a personal work – We appear before God at death and before him every day we live as well. This preparation is made by faith and by doo works and by repentance. Let us come and learn of Jesus – Sit at his feet if we would be ready. To die the death of the impenitent is the most ignominious death that one can die. When shall we seek God? Now is the time – Do not be afraid to take a stand for the Lord Jesus Christ. Where would we have been if Jesus had not taken a stand for us. On the 8 of

this month Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher died – her husband having died on the same day ten years before – Clara went home with Aunt Mary this Eve. – I regretted that Homer did not get back in time from Springfield to be at church to night Mr Stanley called.

26" March Friday Cloudy and dreary most of the day. Casy H – and Alex feeding After an early dinner Clayton took Uncle Joe home to be ready for church Clayton at C- with [illegible] this morning. He and Mr Mc and Jason and I at church – The boys did not go to school to day. Yes Paul was there. Nettie busy This afternoon Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and I at church. Nettie in charge of the home—Mr Chestnut's text – "Thus saith the Lord, stand yet in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths where is the good way and walk therein and ye shall find rest unto your souls. But they said we will not walk there in. " Homer and Clara at church -- They are both staying with Aunt Mary Aunt Jane at church today This Eve all at home. Uncle Joe stayed in C-.

27" March. Sat. Rather a bright day but cold – this morning Clayton at C- at Will Mitchel for coal – home again at noon. Alex and Casy H- feeding all day – the Holton girls called this morning for the first – Nettie and I busy all morning. This afternoon Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at church – Sermon by Rev Chestnut text "We are journeying into the place of which the Lord said, I will give it you; come thou with us, and we will do the good; for the Lord hath spoken concerning Israel." After preaching we made a brief stop in C- and came home. Nettie keeping the house – This eve what of us who are at home are around the fire waiting for Harlan. He did not get here until after nine and when he came all had retired but father and me. He said he had been getting ready to come all day.

28" March. Sabb. Most a beautiful bright day but a little chilly – Mr Mc and I—and Harlan Clayton Jason and Paul all at church – I drove down for Aunt Jane – Homer and Clara there with Aunt Mary. I hoped to get to the prayer meeting but failed – Rev Chestnut preached – text What think ye of Christ. I did not take notes of this only in memory. After the sermon the Lords Supper was observed – Fifteen persons connected them selves with the church – The services to day were more than a formal observance – A wave of love seemed to sweep into and around us – a blessed experience I am sure After preaching Clayton went home with Aunt Mary. Clara and Homer came out with us – So did Willie Torrence [?] & Mary and Lille – Nettie had dinner ready. Alex had a nice fire in the parlor. We had a pleasant time together After lunch Harlan went back to his home in Springfield to attend church there. This Eve Paul remained at home with Alex and Nettie and Mr Mc and Homer Clara Clayton and Jason and our Cousins Torrences and I were at church – Jason went alone to the Jr. C.E. meeting. Clayton led the meeting. Rev Chestnut preached to night to a crowded house – Text "Who then is willing to consecrate his services this day unto the Lord." Let us give our best to God – Best gifts – The best of our time – and the best of our selves and all that we have unto God. His sermon was wonderful in power and earnestness. Homer and Clara went back to Aunt Marys this eve – This has been a pleasant evening.

29th March. Monday. A beautiful day but this evening it is beginning to get cloudy. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School Alex helping Casy H—with the feeding. Mr Mc and I at church – Rev W. R. Chestnut preached the closing sermon of our communion services at ten O'clock – Text “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ” When ever we allow anything to come between us and Christ or between us and our best friend then we begin to grow cold – When we begin to separate then Satan steps right in between us – Let no one separate is from Christ or from duty or from one another – Let us keep near to Jesus – and let the love of Jesus come into our hearts then we will be changed – and the world will be changed – we will then speak with new tongues – and will be strong men and women in Christ Jesus. This morning Jim H. McShad his son John Melvin baptized – After preaching we took dinner with Aunt Mary and Homer and Clara were there also. Walter came in to dinner He was going to Springfield this afternoon – Mrs [illegible] called this A M – and Mr. Marion Wildman this afternoon Nettie washed to day. Uncle Joe came out home with us Nettie set two hens today.

30th March Tuesday. Damp this morning. Clayton and Jason at Selma School – Paul at our School – Alex and Casey H-- at the feeding. After an early [no word here] Mr Mc left for Charleston – he brought clover and timothy seed – home long before dark – I have been but little good to day. Nettie busy Uncle Joe around. This Eve Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and I at the Opera House – The Elocution class of the College gave the Merchant of Venice “—Home was Shylock” This play was called a great success – Pres. McKinney at the meeting to night.

31st March. Wed. A pleasant day. Clayton went to school alone this morning. Jason complaining about his eyes hurting him. Paul at our School. Dick Wilkerham [?] here this morning – He took his horse back to Mr Georges and Jason drove out there and brought him back to help for a little while – He was here to dinner Mr Mc and Alex and Uncle Joe and Cary H—getting out potatoes all day. Mrs. Holton called this morning. This afternoon I called at Daves and Sallies to see Della and spent an hour – Della is far from well I was at Aunt Mary – she had gone out Della's to call – Clara and I drove out for her to find she was not there but had come home another way and called at J. D's I saw Homer awhile – and Aunt Mary and Clara – As I came home I called to see Mrs P – but did not tarry long as I was not feeling well – Two railroad men here to dinner.

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1st April. Thurs. A nice day but windy. Clayton at Selma School alone Paul at our School. Alex began work for another month this morning. He and Dick W and Casey H and Uncle Joe and Jason all busy feeding and getting potatoes ready for Springfield This afternoon Mr Mc at Selma & Gladstone and came home past Wood Warners. Nettie and I busy. Uncle Dan called this A.M. and Dr Wisely this P.M.

2nd April Friday. A gloomy day but mild – Clayton at Selma School—Paul at our School. Jason and Casy H—at Springfield with potatoes – Uncle Joe and Alex and Dick feeding and husking corn Nettie and I busy at one thing and another -- As Mr Mc went up he drove into Mr Pages

and got several [illegible] trees – Casey and Jason stopped – and dug them out as they came home. Mr Mc did not get into S -- until noon Late in the P.M. he met Harlan and spent some little time with him – and took supper with him at Adam's – Harlan was going to Pitchin this evening. Mr Mc did not get home until late. Alex and Dick planted several wild rose bushes in the yard to day – They got them in Charlie Barber's plantation. Uncle Joe around to day. Clayton and Jason at a business meeting at Mrs Nettie Harbison sisters evening.

3" April Saturday. Quite a nice day. Alex and Dick sowing seed until noon. This afternoon Alex and Jason planting out the trees they got yesterday – Mr Mc over to see Warner Hamilton this P.M. – Clayton at C—with this and that for the folks there – Homer & Clara both sticking to their boarding house in C-- Nettie was planning to go to Cincinnati Monday – but finally concluded to go this evening. Jason took here to the six O'clock train. Alex took Uncle Joe home. George Hall in Xenia is dead – Nellie H's husband. Dick went to Mr Georges.

4" April Sabb. Rained sometime last night. Clayton Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church – I went down to Aunt Jane – Aunt Matt staying alone Mr Mc at church – Mr Morton's sermon text " And Enoch walked with God; and he was not; for God took him. " This text is like a bright beam of light bursting upon a dark world " Amid the darkness and gloom and death God came down and took Enoch body & soul to heaven to teach his children in all ages that there is a glorious home where Gods children can live and reign [?] both body and soul forever – And the life of Enoch teaches us that we can reach this blessed home if we walk and live with God. Subject of the text – Is walking and living with God and enjoying God forever – If we would walk and live with God we must go where God is. God is in the Bible and in the Assembly of his people – and in the sick room – and where the poor and despised and neglected and lost ones are. If we would keep near to God we must be actively engaged in some employment – The Lord Jesus was just as truly walking with God when working at the carpenter trade as when he was teaching and preaching on the Shores of Galilee. If we would walk with God we must be in harmony with him – What is God interested in He is interested in kindness and in mercy and tenderness and forbearance and forgiveness and in the Bible and the Sabbath School and in prayer meeting and in all the ordinances of his house in temperance and morality and in bringing lost ones into his Kingdom – God reaching down to these and to all oppressed only to lift – them to himself – He is also interested in the thousands of working men in this country who are pressed from day to day. God also pities the poor Slaves of drink and reaches down to lift them up to him self. If we are walking with God we are interested in all of these things – we must be warm hearted and sympathetic men and women. God is not far off but is near to bless and keep us. We must come down to where the people are to learn their wants and be ready to minister to their wants. There is nothing that will so promote our holiness and growth in grace as the glory of this kind of work. This is a continuous walk – and work – and living. Let us find out where God is and be there – and find out where he is not and stay away. After preaching Homer went back to Aunt Marys – Jason went there too Clara came home with us and went down with Clayton when he went to the Jr C. E. meeting – Jason there too and came back with Paul. I wonder what Fred and Harlan are doing to day – If they are faithful in keeping

the day holy. I certainly trust that they are always faithful in this. To Remember Gods day – and to keep it holy. This was Florences birthday if she had lived She would have been eleven years old.

5" April Monday. A nice morning – Dick here in time for breakfast – He and Alex sowed seed until nearly noon when the wind was not favorable they went to the husking – Jason returned to Selma School (after a few days absence) with Clayton. Paul at our School – he is still in love with his teacher Miss Wylie [?]. Maggie H— here & made the beds & Mr Mc around home all morning. This afternoon he took the hands down to vote. Uncle Joe brought the men back and left Mr Mc to come later with Uncle Dan. This Eve Clayton went down to bring Will Mc after the count is made. This is Jason's birthday.

6" April. Tuesday. Gloomy but pleasant – Casey bringing tile from Selma this A.M. – Alex there this P. M. – for a load – I am at the work by myself – Clayton and Jason at Selma School – Paul at our School – Mr Mc at Mr All Millers this A.M. – this afternoon he was around home – Uncle Joe around – Mr Wood Warner called – This Eve Clayton and Jason at Cedarville at the office.

7" April. Wednesday. A nice day. The men getting out potatoes & feeding. Clayton and Jason at Selma School – Paul at our School. Maggie H— here an hour this morning. This afternoon Mr Mc and I at the congregational prayer meeting and remained for the annual congregational business meeting – we did not get out until late – we made but a brief stop at Aunt Marys – and Sallies and Dellas as we came home – Homer in Springfield to day. I had the honor of preparing the supper after we came home.

8" April – Thurs. Damp and dreary. Alex in the wood shed Dick cleaned up the wool house. Clayton and Jason at Selma School – Paul at our School. Mag H. here awhile this morning. Uncle Joe around – Mr Mc over at Warner Hamiltons before dinner – Rain this afternoon – I am shelling corn. This evening rain Clayton and Jason at C—at a business meeting and at the office.

9" April. Friday. All day rain. The men chopping wood & shelling corn. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. This afternoon Mrs Holton wrote a letter to Rike Co. – and took it to the office P M – and brought out the mail – Maggie H—here & helped me this morning. The sunshine out before setting this Eve – The night is clear.

10" April – A bright morning Clayton feeding – Mr Mc & Alex and Dick and all [illegible] force sowing seed – Maggie here and helped me with the Saturdays work – This afternoon I took Uncle Joe down home and waited at Aunt Marys until the evening mail came in – Homer going over to the [illegible] Springs to an entertainment this eve Another letter from Cincinnati. This Eve Jason and Dick at C—on an errand. Mrs Hood is dead. I called there this P.M.

11" April – Sabbath – A disagreeable day – Raining a little. Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc at church – Mr Morton sat in the pulpit and Rev Mr Edgar

from the U. P. Seminary preached for him. Text. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners" Homer and Clara at the church – Homer went back to Aunt Marys Harlan surprised us by being at church to day. Clara and Paul rode out with him from church – He went back when Clara went down to the young folks meeting and went back to his home in Springfield – Some of Mr Shaws family came with him to Clifton – Clayton and Jason at the young folks meeting this Eve – Alex and Dick around to day. I heard Pauls lesson – and this Eve we had Bible reading This is [illegible] day with Paul – it is his birthday – He is seven. Mrs Hood buried to day.

12" April. Monday. A nice day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc at town this A.M. to see Wm Mitchel Uncle Joe came out with them Wm McMillan [illegible] into their family Friday night – [illegible] Barber – a son this morning. Lewis Floyd the old painter came this forenoon – he was here to dinner and with us to night – The men hauling manure this afternoon – Mr Will Mitchel called I went to town this afternoon and called to see Aunt Bell – and spent an hour with Josse Orr – and a very short time with Aunt Mary and Clara -- Homer & most of the Cedarville boys at the base ball game in Wilberforce.

13" April Tues A rough day. Clayton and his father left near noon for Springfield – on a horse and mule trade. Alex and Dice & Casey H – hauling manure. Jason at home to day too. Uncle Joe around Maggie H – here and washed. Lewis Floyd began taking paper off the dining room – Raining and blowing this afternoon – Mr Mc and Clayton reached home at dark – Jason and Dick at the office and back.

14" April Wed. Another damp gloomy day. Alex and Dick & Casey H – tried to keep busy at the manure hauling. Clayton at Selma School alone. Paul at our school. Uncle Joe here as usual. Mr Mc and Jason looking after the stock – Maggie H – here doing up the morning work. I left early and went to town for paper for the dining room. Aunt Mary and Belle were out in town and helped me make the selection – Holtons little Dede [?] down with me – I was home again at an early hour. This afternoon Lewis began putting on the paper in the dining room – Uncle Dan called. The Eve Clayton and Jason at L. H. Williams in Selma at a party quite a nice affair.

15" April Thurs. A gloomy day. A man and a woman from the Pike here to breakfast – I gave them a testament and a paper "food for the soul." Mr Mc and Clayton at Brysons sale to day. Jason and Uncle Joe around. Alex at the manure Dick and Carey H – at the other work. Maggie here this A.M. Lewis at the papering in the dining room – This afternoon I attended the W. C. T. U. meeting at Mrs Dave Shroders – about fifteen there – we took in two new members – Mrs Will Tarbox [?] and Mrs Tim Harbison. After the meeting I went down home with Aunt Mary. Clara and Homer there. I also met Homer on the street before I started home. Mr Mc and Clayton took supper at Uncle Silas's.

16" April Friday A blowing gloomy day. Paul at our School – Clayton at Selma School. Jason at home with his father. Uncle Joe around. Dick husking. Casey busy. Mr Mc around all A. M. This afternoon Mr Mc at Charleston this afternoon for seed. Did not get home until near dark.

Nettie [illegible] came to town this eve on the five O clock train from Cincinnati and Homer brought her out and past on to Pitchin – This Eve Clayton and Jason at C – Jason at Mr Mortons to practice – singing.

17" April Sat—Bright sunshine part of the time but rather cool. Mr Mc around home all day. Dick busy at the feeding Casey off duty this P.M. Alex at the manure hauling. Maggie H—here this morning and helped awhile. Nettie at the work. This forenoon Clayton and Jason at C—at the mill. Paul went down with them took dinner at Aunt Marys and went to Mr Mortons to a juvenile missionary meeting This afternoon I took Uncle Joe down home – attended to some little business and Paul came home with me – The painters resting today. This is the first “juvenile missionary” meeting ever held here to my knowledge – Paul did not like it as he was the only boy at it – all that were there were girls – I think now the next move ought to be organize a “missionary” meeting for the boys. Nettie began working on her second term this morning.

18" April. Sabbath. Easter Sabbath – a bright beautiful day – a little chilly. The forerunner of Spring. Phillips Brooks verse seem to express our very heart to day – O Risen Christ! O Easter Flower! How dear thy grace has grown! From East to West, with living power, Make all the world Thine own. This morning Dick went to Sabbath School with Clayton Jason and Paul and me. I drove down to Aunt Jane. Aunt Matt stayed alone. Mr Mc at – church – Mr Mortons text “And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately; why could we not cast him out. And Jesus said unto them, this kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.” The Theme of the text – the reason of failure in the Lords work – or the secret power of success in the Lords work. The disciples at the foot of the cross failed to cast out the demon out of the boys heart because they were sat a distance from Christ. There are demons in our hearts, evil passions, evil tempers and lusts. When we try to get rid of these tormenters but fail because we are at distance from Christ – because of our failure we ought to be ashamed and like the disciples got to him and ask him why we could not cast these out of our hearts. We sometimes feel bad that there is not more love in the home, more kindness and forbearance but if we use the Spirit – if love and peace and forbearance and kindness that God gives if we can root out the evil and our hearts made all “beautiful within.” The reason we fail to do all of this is not the fault of God or of the gospel but in our selves. It is unbelief Want of faith. If we have faith we have every other Christian grace. All history tells us that those who have done the greatest work for Christ have been men of prayer – Men and Women of Strong faith who looked to God and depended upon him for every needed help – Jason went down to Aunt Marys after church – Homer went back too – Even Paul had a great desire to go – picked up his cap and walked down on his own acct. Clara came home with Clayton & Mr Mc and I. Alex & Lewis (the old painter) and Nettie at home. Mr Mc says this sabbath day trips to Aunt Marys has come to an end – Clara went back with Clayton when he went to the Jr. C. E. Paul concluded to come home and he Jason both came back with Clayton – We read the Sabbath School lesson for next Sabbath over to night – and we heard Pauls lesson.

19" April. Monday. The wind blew hard all of last night – Still cool to day – but the sun came out and we call the day pleasant. Clayton at Selma School – Paul at our School – At an early hour I left for C- Aunt Mary and Bell went with me to Stuarts Store – and helped me select a paper for Clara's room – Uncle Joe came home with me – Lewis began taking off the paper near noon – Jason here with Mr Mc hauling out manure – Casey H- and Dick W- bringing in corn – Nettie at the work – Uncle Joe took the washing to Mrs. P- this afternoon – the first since the first of the year. Uncle Dan called this P.M. Homer was at Springfield to day – we were expecting him to bring Mrs Hollingsworth home with him – from Monmouth Were all ready to receive her – but Homer came after nine alone – His friends in S [pringfield] were not willing that she should come this evening – She is visiting with her sister in Springfield – but expects to return to her home in Monmouth next week. Mr Mc at Selma this P.M.

20" April Tues. A bright day but cool. Casey H- at Selma for tile this A.M. Uncle Joe working with potatoes. Alex at the manure this forenoon and this afternoon he was helping Mr Mc and [illegible] feed – Nettie at the work to day. I cleaned the sitting room press. Lewis began putting on the paper in Claras room he finished the ceiling. Mr Mc busy with the lambs these days – This Eve George Marshal helped him with the sheep home and called in a little bit. It is right cool this evening. Clayton at Selma School to day. Paul at our School – Homer here last night and went back to C- this morning to be ready for his work.

21" April Wed A nice day. The sheep shearers – three of them here today shearing the Moorman sheep – Clayton at Selma School – Paul at our School. Jason around home to day – Mr Mc here – Two floors started to day after so long a time. This afternoon Nettie and I very busy. Uncle Joe at C- on an errand – Our men here to dinner and supper. Homer at Springfield to day and brought Mrs Hollingsworth of Monmouth down with him They were here to supper – Homer staying with us to night.

22" April Thurs. A nice day – our men here and finished the sheep shearing this morning. Homer went back to school this morning or to the College. Alex and Casey H- plowing Uncle Joe and Dick around. Mr Mc and Mrs N- and I took dinner alone in the back sitting room – the rest of the family in the dining room – This P.M. – Mr Mc went to New Jasper to see John Thomas. Mrs Hollingsworth and I at C to call to see Aunt Bell and Aunt Mary. Clara & Homer there. We drove to the College before we came home – and up to the School house after we came back. Nettie taking care of the kitchen and dining room kept – Mrs N- and I took tea alone in the sitting room – [illegible] and Paul too eat with us. Mr Mc returned at dark and had supper after he came. Mrs N- with us to night.

23" April Friday. Cloudy & windy. Clayton at Selma School. Paul at our School. After nine Mr Mc left with Mrs Hollingsworth for Xenia Orphan Home where her niece holds forth – Alex plowing Jason in charge of the sheep – Uncle Joe around home. Dave [illegible] and Mr Clemons[?] called. I have been nearly off duty all day – just busy. Nettie busy too Mr Mc home near dark. Clayton at Jamestown to night to the "Merchant of Venice."

24" April Sat. A pleasant day. Uncle Joe and Jason Clayton Dick, Alex – and Casey H- all at their work. Lewis, the old painter, putting in glass – Paul around home. He called at Uncle Dans and [illegible] to day. Nettie in charge of the house this A.M. Mr Mc and I went by way of Cedarville fo Clara and went to Springfield. We took a nice lunch and drive into the woods near S- and had a nice dinner – hoe coffee was even included in our bill of fare – We reached S- at one O clock. Homer stayed at Aunt Marys to dinner – came up to Springfield after dinner. Clara called at Stuarts and Sadie went the rounds with us. Clara make some purchases – a college suit. She remained with Sadie for tea and they selected her hat – Homer took supper with Harlan at Adams and called at a later hour and took Clara home. Mr Mc and I called at Shaws grocery as we came out of town – We had a nice lunch as we came home Taking it altogether a pleasant day in S- and a nice ride home. We called at the german gardens near Clifton as we came home for twelve [illegible] of Rhubarb that had been ordered this morning – We also called in to [illegible] as we came through Clifton. All had retired when we came home. Dick took Uncle Joe home this eve. On last night – Homer and his class gave the Merchant of Venice in Jamestown last night – Clayton and Charlie Galbreath went over to it.

25" April. Sabbath. A nice morning – Clayton and Paul and I at Sabbath School. I drove down to Aunt Jane – Mr Mc at church too – Mr Morton "Thou tellest my wandering; put thou my tears into thy bottle, are they not in thy book." God puts in the tears of penitent sinners of the tears of lifes trouble and the tears of parental anxieties – and the tears of the bereaved into his bottle. These tears are Gods jewels and gems – God has love and sympathy and [illegible] peace for all of these afflicted ones. After preaching it began raining – Homer and Clara went back to Aunt Marys – We had quite a heavy shower as we came from church – Jason at home to look after the lambs. Alex and Dick & Lewis and Nettie around home. On acct. of the rain the boys did not go down to the young folks meeting – I was sorry as Jason was to lead the meeting. This evening we read the Sabbath School lesson for next Sabbath. Pauls lessons heard.

26" April Monday. A nice day. Clayton at Selma School. Paul at our School. Alex and Casey H- plowing. Dick on [illegible] work. Mr Mc and Jason around taking care of the lambs. Much to our annoyance Jane took care of one of them this evening. This morning I went to town & while there I drove Clara and Jennie up to College – also called to see Mr and Mrs Morton and Aunt Bell – Homer came down from College while I was there. Uncle Joe came out with me. We did not get home until noon. This afternoon Uncle Dan and Mrs Holton called – This P.M. Lewis and Jason at C- on an errand. This Eve Clayton and Dick there on an errand – they took the clothes to Mrs P- and took Uncle Joe down to be ready to go to Xenia with Jim Harvey in the morning.

28" April Wed. A lovely day A letter came from Fannie. She and Malcom at [illegible] N. Y. Grandfather Mackenzie will come home with them to Port Jervis this week – to abide. This morning I went to C- and brought Uncle Joe out and passed on up to Will McS- to see their new son. I met Mrs Jameson and daughter there – Mr Mc getting potatoes ready for Springfield –

[illegible] grocery. Lewis painting the doors – some plowing some getting our Rhubarb. After our regiment was through eating Mr and Mrs Mosley called. I spread a dinner for them – they were here a short time Mrs Holton & sons here – Clayton at Selma School. Paul at our School. Everyone moving. I gave Mrs. Mosley a Bible to day.

29" April. Thurs. The rain kept up all day – Lewis at the hall doors. Clayton took a load of potatoes to Springfield to Shaws Grocery. Mr Mc and I at Springfield too. I got a bonnet retrimmed to day. I called at Stuarts and took tea with Mrs S- and Maggie and Sara [illegible] Mr Mc took supper with Harlan at Adams. We left Harry [illegible] & brought [illegible] home – did not get home until late – I got medicine today from the "Corner Dr – for the first – Uncle Joe, Alex & Jason and Dick and Casey H- all around at the potatoes plowing and looking after lambs. Paul at School and at Holtons this Eve. Nettie in charge of the home to day.

30" April. Friday. The rain came to day – gentle showers – The men in the wood shed late this P. M. I have been in bed part of the time to day – feeling "poorly" indeed. Uncle Joe and Dick and Jason Alex and Casey H- all busy. Clayton at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc at Selma this P.M. – This Eve Dick and Jason took a hog to Uncle Silas's. Nettie at the work – quite damp this Eve. Lewis on repairs to day.

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1" May Sat. Rains all day long and still raining to night – This morning I went to C- I drove out to Rose Chambers – took a lunch at Aunt Marys. Miss Kitchen at Aunt Bells last night and she was in attendance at the Sr party at Mr Mortons or I mean Prof Mc Chesneys last night – Homer & Clara there too. Homer taking Miss K- home – and from there to Springfield. Holton's girl rode down with me – Mr Mc and Dick & Casey H- Jason & Clayton around all day. Alex not well. Paul at Holtons this P. M. – being trained on his declamation. Nettie busy to day. This Eve Jason took Uncle Joe down home. It is still raining to night and a little colder –

2" May Sabbath Quite a winter morning all gathering around the fire – the ground white with snow – Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School – I went down and brought Aunt Jane up – Aunt Matt staying along – Mr Mc at church – Mr Mortons text "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." It is the privilege of God's children to come right to God for his loving sympathy no matter how dark the day or how great the trial – When Jesus comes into a home he drives out and scatters evil and lets the blessed light of his care shine in, and O the blessed happy change – the blessed experience – a new life – A happy home. Homer and Clara at church but the weather so disagreeable they went back with Aunt Mary. Alex and Lewis & Dick and Clayton at home. Nettie in charge of the home. This afternoon we resumed our Bible reading Lewis and Dick read with us. Very cloudy & dreary – the snow has disappeared – but it is quite a chilly evening. All around the fire and around the lamp to night. Clayton and Jason did not attend the young folks meeting.

3" May. Monday. Bright sunshine this morning – but cloudy this P. M. Alex still on the sick list Clayton at Selma School. Paul at our School. Jason around with his father caring for the sheep. I went to town this morning for Uncle Joe – home again before noon. Casey H- and Dick around at work. At noon Jason at C- with Robbisons wagon. Nettie busy. Casey H- at Selma with corn. This afternoon Uncle Dan here awhile. After supper Mr Mc went with me to C- took the clothes to Mrs P- and rode out with me to Miss Chambers When he came back to town I stopped with Aunt Mary and Clara. Mr H- called – there – Clara & Homer at the College at a meeting of the Society. It is drizzling rain this evening. I hope it will clear off – as Aunt Bell and Aunt Mary and I are planning to go to the W. C. T. U. Convention at Dayton tomorrow. Mr Henry Kyle called to see Mr Mc this eve – Another busy day is ended and all is well.

4" May Tuesday. A pleasant day – but cloudy. Clayton at Selma School – Paul at our School. Mr Mc and Jason around Lewis working on the cook case. Alex sick – I think – Dick and Casey busy. Nettie in charge of the kitchen – and the house. Uncle Joe is to take me to the half past ten train to go with Aunt Bell and Aunt Mary to Dayton to the W. C. T. U. District Convention. I will have them tell me when I come home the happenings of this day and record it. Mr Cassion [?] and his friend from Springfield here to dinner. In the evening Mr Mc and Casey H- at C- Mr Stanforth called.

5" May. Wed. A bright day. Lewis & Dick and Alex and Uncle Joe and Casey H- and Mr Mc Jason around Clayton at Selma School. Paul at our School – This afternoon Mr Mc at Charlston Nettie in full charge – This Eve at five O clock Aunt Mary & Aunt Bell and I came on the five O clock train from Dayton I called in to see Anna Barber and the baby. I took tea with Homer and Clara at Aunt Marys. Mr Morton called in to see us. After dark Mr Mc and Pual drove down for me. From memory I will write a few items here about yesterday When we reached Dayton there was two of the sisters there to meet us and to take us to the Convention. It met in the R. Trinity Church – A lovely building The women took charge of all of the delegates and had a lovely dinner for them in the dining room of the church. Aunt Mary & Aunt Bell and I were all delegates – There was 34 enrolled delegates – but visitors and all made nearly a hundred to sit down to the tables – We took supper at the same place – We were out through Dayton for awhile in the evening. At seven Dr. Roelk [?] gave a grand address in the church – The leading thought – Be not discouraged but work on and the victory will come. Aunt Mary and Mother Ellis of the Y. Springs stayed close to the church – Aunt Bell and I went home with Mrs Pentley and her family after the lecture – and were finely entertained The next morning Aunt Bell and I went with Mrs Pentley to the Cash Register – It is owned by Mr. Patterson and from there to the convention – We were served a nice dinner – I became acquainted with several of the sisters – At four O clock the meeting adjourned – at five we left for home – feeling very much pleased over our trip – but very tired. All had retired when we came but Clayton he just came in from Townsleys near Gladstone having gone there from school.

6" May Thurs. A beautiful day. Clayton at Selma School – Paul at our School. Uncle Joe & Co finished getting out potatoes. Dick helping Casey & Alex plowing. Mr Mc around & Jason – this

morning I took up the work in the kitchen and Nettie cleaned Uncle Joes room complete & the back hall and the stairs. After an early supper Mr Mc at C- to see Will Mitchel Clayton went with him to see Homer about his Declamation – Paul sick this Eve after he came from School – Mr Sam Ewings remains brought from Louisville this A.M. – and layed away in the old Massie Creek Cemetery. Mr McConnell from Xenia here to see Mr Mc this P.M. Lewis papering the boys room.

7" May Friday. A bright day. I went to C- on an errand this morning – As I came home I called to see Della M E – as I came home – she is not improving very fast. After an early dinner Mr Mc and Clayton left for Xenia – Clayton got a suit. Nettie went to the cleaning up stairs after dinner I took charge of the kitchen. Mrs Dean and her bro called this P.M. Lewis papering in the boys room – Alex & Dick busy & Uncle Joe. Jason around – This Eve Homer rode out with Hattie Mc He was here to supper and went to Pitchin this Eve -- and will be here to night It is something new to have him at home – even for a night. Casey [transcriber's NOTE: from time to time this name looks like Cary] H- and Jason at C- this evening.

8" May. Sat. A beautiful day. Homer went down home to Aunt Marys with Prince to go to Springfield but made an exchange at Boyds Stable leaving Prince there – Mrs Owens came in and got him to drive to Xenia – but before she got out of town had a run away I went to town with Paul to do a good many errands – I was very tired & stayed at Aunt Marys to dinner Clara there too. On last Sabbath of April – the 25 – Prof [Sch?????Its] father died at Monroe Ia – Mr Mc and Jason and Uncle Joe Alex and Dick and Casey H- and Clayton all busy to day. Nettie busy too. Lewis finished the "crazy room" This Eve Clayton took Uncle Joe home Dick went down at the same time – This is a beautiful evening – [Blank space] passing stopped for lodging – we gave him a place to sleep – and gave him his supper.

9" May. Sabbath. A beautiful day. Homer and Spense at Springfield yesterday Homer came to C- and got Prince and came home last night and with us this morning. Homer went with Clayton and Jason and Paul and I to Sabbath School – I drove down and brought Aunt Jane to church – Aunt Matt staying by her self – Mr Mc at church. Mr Mortons text. "For our conversation is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." Homer and Clara came home with us from church – Clayton went down with Aunt Mary – this afternoon Lewis (the old painter) and our guest of last night, who was allowed to stay over as it is Sabbath, and Home & Clara and Jason and I read through the book of Philippians and Nettie read with us also. Alex around to day. This Eve Homer and Clara at the young fold meeting and at the Free will offering meeting at our church – Clayton at the Jr. C. E. meeting and at the church Mr Mc and I at the church also – Prof McChesney Robt Miller and R[?] Stormont the speakers for the evening – but the members were few – Our guest with us to night again – Jason & Paul at home this Evening.

10" May Monday. A beautiful day. Our guest of yesterday Edd in the wood shed until noon – and cleaned the back yard this P.M. Uncle Joe came out with Uncle Dan this morning and began working in the garden to day – Clayton at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc and

Jason taking care of the lambs. Alex and Casey H- and Dick plowing. Nettie cleaning up stairs. Lewis painting the yard [illegible]. This afternoon I took the carpet [illegible] to Mrs. Conley & the washing to Mrs. P- and attended to business generally. They were expecting Rev Wells to address the people of Cedarville on the Liberty party this eve – he was to stop at Aunt Marys. All of this household too tired to go.

11" May Tuesday Another nice day Our Sabbath guest bid us good by this morning & passed on. Uncle Joe in the garden. Clayton at Selma School. Paul at our School. Nettie cleaning the wood work in parlor and hall – Alex Dick and Casey busy, This afternoon Uncle Dan called – Mr Mc at Selma. This Eve Homer at C- to practice his declamation but Homer was not there. Near dark a nice shower of rain – Nettie planted the flower seed to day.

12" May. Wed. The men all at work – Dick Alex and Cary H – at the plowing [transcriber note: still not sure if the name is Cary or Casey – handwriting unclear in either case]. Uncle Joe in the garden – Lewis going on with his repainting [?]. Nettie changing the carpet in Clara's room and in the boys room – I have taken up her work in the kitchen – Mr Mc at C- and out at Uncle Silas's and Harvey Stormonts and home again at noon. Uncle Dan here awhile this P.M. – This afternoon Nettie going on with her cleaning. This afternoon Mr Mc at Charleston to see [illegible] – After school Paul went with me to town to get his hair cut – [illegible] – rode down with me to town to Birds – Paul and I took supper with Aunt Mary and Clara – I met Mary D. Ramsey in C- and took her out home to Dallas's. I stopped in at Franc's nursery and got a climbing rose for the front door the Baltimore Belle. I stopped in to see Della as I came past – poor girl is still on the decline. I do not feel well tonight – my supper is [illegible] Mr Mc back from Charleston at dark – Clayton at Selma School to day. [In margin] – Jason called at J. H. McMillans and at Walkers for his father.

13" May Thursday – A beautiful day. Clayton at Selma School. Paul at our School and went a fishing this evening. Lewis began painting the house and finished the front of it. Carey began planting corn Dick & Alex at the plowing. Uncle Joe around. Nettie in the kitchen. Mr Mc left near noon for Springfield – I have been in bed all day with one of my old fashioned villinous spells – sick – sick. Mrs. Holton here and lent a helping hand to Nettie. Uncle Dan around to call. Near noon Mr Mc left for Springfield – he took the carriage up and left it to be painted – Walter M. took Homer up to Springfield & left him in the vicinity in the Library until evening – he came back with father – They brought the buggy out that has been undergoing repairs – father came through Cedarville – and Homer stopped off at Aunt Marys.

14" May. Friday. A nice morning. I am feeling like I was living in a new world this morning since my sick day yesterday. I went to C- on an errand – was soon home again – Clayton at Selma School. Paul at our School – Jason at C- with a cow for Aunt Mary – and brought the other one home. Jason rode out home with one. Lewis painting chairs [illegible] Alex Carey – Dick – Uncle Joe busy. Mr Mc took Harmen H- over home this P. M. – I cleaned the bed room press this afternoon – It is cool enough for fire. This Eve Clayton at Selma to hear the boy elocutionist from Dayton. Jason at Uncle Silas' and brought Walker out to be ready for work in

the morning – Homer turned in here when he returned from his Pitchin trip. We did not forget that this was the sixth anniversary of Fannies wedding – there was the company that was with us that morning – and many are gone to be with us no more – who was with us then.

15" May. Sat. Most lovely morning. Homer went back to town this morning. Alex, Dick and Carey H- at the planting and plowing. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe busy. Clayton busy too – Walter and Jason in the sheep pen. Paul fishing. Nettie ironing – I helped with the work all day. This afternoon at three O'clock a heavy shower fell. After supper Clayton took Uncle Joe down home. Walter out home. Lewis painting at the house all forenoon. Dick and Carey H- at C- this evening too.

16" May Sabb. A bright day but cool after the rain of yesterday P.M. During the storm yesterday several of the telegraph poles below [illegible] were struck by lightning. Clayton and Paul at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc and I at church – I went down after Aunt Jane – Aunt Matt staying along – Mr. Mortons text. "For it is good for me to draw near to God." Subject of the text the advantage of holding communion with God. It is good for us to draw near to God in our devotions. The true remedy for heartless worship and indifference in our religious devotions is nearness to God. It is good for us to draw near to god in the duties of life. The help of the Lord makes the hardest and dullest work interesting and pleasant. With his help and guidance our work will be one thousand times better done and there will be one thousand times more pleasure in it. In the trials and troubles of life it is good to draw near to God. It has a softening and uplifting effect on us. It is good for us to draw near to God because it makes heaven more attractive. All is obtained through the blood and intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ. Harlan was at church to day – Clara and Homer came home to day. So were Alex and Lewis (the old painter) and Nettie. But Dick was away all day. This Eve Clara went back with Clayton to the young folks meeting. After a lunch Harlan went back to Springfield – Homer went with him to C- and stopped off at the young folks meeting and came back with Clayton This afternoon Harlan and Home read with us the last two chaps of Galatians. It is quite cool this evening.

17" May Monday. Quite a nice day. Homer at C- this morning and Uncle Joe brought his [illegible] back – Clayton at Selma School – Paul at our School – Jason and Uncle Joe around & Mr Mc looking after things – Nettie put in a full day washing the shutters – I attended to the cooking & Lewis painting at the house to day. Casey (Carey?) H- and Dick and Alex busy farming. A soldier from the Home here for lunch and will be here in two weeks – so he says. This afternoon late Nora(?) rode with me to town – I attended to business – Homer at Springfield to day – he took [illegible] P- with him. Clayton and Will Mc at C- this Eve. Walter M- and Jason there. Walter here to night.

18" May Tues. A nice day. Walter here this morning – he & Jason at the sheep until noon – Walter at Springfield this afternoon with his best girl – After an early dinner Mr Mc left for C- and took Clara with him to Springfield – Clara is planning to go with Jennie Morton & co to the R. P. Synod and to a meeting of our church C. E. that meets there this week. Clayton at Selma

School – and Paul at our School. Dick & Alex & Carey H- at the farming. Uncle Joe around. This P.M. he was at C- After Clayton came home he went down to C- and recited his piece to Homer – When he came back he went to Selma to meet the School boys. Lewis painting at the house. Nettie cleaned our bed room stairs. I have been busy all in the kitchen Mr Mc came home past C- and Clara stopped off there – he and Walker reached here about the same time. Mr Mc took supper with Harlan at Adams and Clara at Stuarts – Uncle Dan here awhile this afternoon.

19" May. Wed. A beautiful day As I wrote the "19" I remembered that this the "19" of May is Freds birthday We do not forget it although he is far away from us – Absent yet with us in memory. Alex, Dick, Carey H- and Uncle Joe farming. Jason & Walter at the sheep – This P.M. Mr Mc at Browns. Lewis painting at the house. Nettie cleaning on the porch up stairs – I have been busy all morning. This P.M. Mr Mc and Walter at Warners for [illegible] & Mr Brown & son here – This Evening two men belonging to the telegraph line here for supper and with us to night – This Eve Mr Mc and I at town – I went to Cal Barbers store and got some accessories. Mr Mc called in to see Mr Gray [?] in the store. We called at Aunt Marys. Clara was at Jennie Mortons – Homer at Elders with Harlan to night – Jason called to see George Marshal this Eve. Clayton was at Selma School and went to the sheep shears as he came home – Paul was at our School to day.

20" May Thurs. Alex & Dick and Carey H- at the work – planting – Uncle Joe around – Mr John Moorman here & went with Mr Mc to J. L. McWilliams and to Uncle Silas's and were back here at dinner. Jason took corn [?] to Aunt Mary and was home here at noon. Nettie busy at the remodeling [illegible]. Lewis at the house painting until noon – This afternoon I went to town – [illegible] went with me – I called to see Clara – She expected to start for Pittsburg with Jennie M. and co. in the morning. I was not in town long until it looked like a rain was coming – I got home just as it began to fall. Our two telegraph men still with us. Clayton at Selma School – Paul at our School. They are having the closing exercises of the Selma School this evening Clayton is one of the performers Jason went back with Clayton and Mr Mc and I went although the weather looked threatening. But to our sorrow we were too late – They meet in the M. E. Church – but how sad I felt that Clayton had spoken before we got there. His declamation was "The Burial of Sir John Moore." He did it fine so they said – We felt disappointed but it is past and it is useless to regret too much but the more I think of it the more I regret it – even if is useless to regret.

21" May. Friday. A pleasant day. This is the last day of Selma School. Clayton there. Mr Mc and Jason and Dick taking the sheep to Selma for Mr Moorman this morning. They were home again at noon – Our two telegraph men still with us – here at night – & day. Alex and Carey at the farming Uncle Joe around – Nettie busy making pillows I am at her "post" in the kitchen. This Eve Homer rode out with Uncle Dan and when Clayton came in from school he took him to Springfield to the 8 Oclock train for Pittsburg to the Synod and to the young folks meeting there of our church the Reformed Presbyterian, N.S. of Covenanters (new side) They went through

Pitchin and Homer made a brief call there – Prof McChesney & wife and Jennie Morton and Clara went this morning The ten Oclock express stopped for them in Cedarville. Clayton will have a lonely ride back to night. Homer had supper here before he left and Clayton too. This Evening after they got started Mr Mc and I went to Cedarville. We called to see Aunt Mary she is quite lonely since Homer and Clara went away and since Mr & Mrs. Morton and Aunt Bell went – They left for Pittsburg Wednesday morning – Quite a gathering in to Pittsburg from Cedarville.

22" May. Sat. A nice day. Clayton came back last night and he took Alex's place to day – and Alex is working for the good of the home – Nettie put in a full day making pillow cases – [illegible] covers pillows. I have been busy late & early. This afternoon Mr Mc and Clayton at Charleston for Bricks & Shingles reached home after dark. Walter here to day. He and our telegraph boarders, our own crowd here – Lewis painting chairs & Dick & Carey farming. Carey H- took Uncle Joe down this evening. Mr H- making [illegible] for Paul. Every one busy. Jason helping Walter with the shearing. Walter went home this evening. Paul out a fishing part of the time.

23" May. Sabb. Pleasant this morning. Paul and I went to our Sabbath School alone – only a few there – What little time I was there I sat in Aunt Marys class – Mr Morton being at the Synod in Pittsburg no preaching at our church. Aunt Mary went with Paul and me to the U. P. Church – Mr [illegible] text "For this cause I bow my knees unto the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." When preaching was over the rain was coming down in copious showers – and I was ill prepared for it – but Walter helped me in every way and went down to Aunt Marys – and helped me so I was comfortable to come home in the rain. They were just through eating dinner when Paul and I reached here – Our telegraph men & Lewis and Alex with our Nettie in the kitchen. Mr Mc Clayton and Jason at home. The shower prevented them from attending Selma May meeting. At three Oclock Lewis Floyd, and Paul opened the School house and rang the bell loud and clear for the First meeting of our Sabbath School. Paul and Jason and I there – So was Carey H- and Nora & their friend from [illegible] co & Maggie Hoglin [?] – Our meeting being so small we read awhile in the Bible in the book of Ephesians – and Carey H- led us in prayer – We must keep on this good work and victory will be ours. Our motto shall be – "Be not weary in well doing and in due season we shall reap if we faint not." It is bright and pleasant – after the shower –Will McWilliams wife (J. S & sons wife) is dead. Her funeral; tomorrow afternoon at two Oclock --

24" May. Monday. Rain last night – damp this morning and a shower at noon and afternoon another. Mr Mc and I left after an early dinner for X- [Xenia] to attend Mrs Will Mc's funeral – but when we reached C- it looked so much like an afternoon rain that after my experience in being out in the rain we concluded to come back home and I am certainly glad that we did – Lewis at C- for Uncle Joe and to look after some things this morning – but Uncle Joe had to watch the store while the folks were at the funeral. Clayton and Warner Hamilton's cousin at Charleston for brick this A.M. – and did not get home until late this P.M. – Clayton took him

over home. Our telegraph men – Mr Gilman [?] and Mr Jackson settled up their accts and left this eve – There work while here was trimming trees along the Pike – Carey H- and Dick at the plowing. Alex finished cleaning the wood shed – and worked in the stable with the force [?] while [illegible] & Lewis working on the dining room screen – Nettie cleaned the wood work in the sitting room – Paul at our School to day. This Eve Jason and Dick took the clothes to Mrs P-

25" May. Tuesday. Rain last night and damp this morning. Clayton, Dick, and Carey H- plowing – Jason began his contract of removing brush up the Pike – the telegraph men gave him three dollars to take it off their hands – Jason is finishing up this work in a very gentlemanly and business like way. Alex began rebuilding the parlor chimney – Mr Mc around all A.M. Clayton at C- with wood for Aunt Jane Lewis rode down with him. Lizzie Blair brought Uncle Joe out. Nettie and I ironing extras from last week. It is cool this evening – all around the fire in the sitting room – Uncle Dan called.

26" May Wed. A pleasant day. Jason stopped of to attend Alex in his rebuilding the bed room chimney – they have both put in a full day. Clayton Jason & Dick planting corn. Nettie and busy all A.M. This P.M. Dr Sparr [?] called – Mr Mc around all day. Uncle Joe planted the Baltimore Belle Rose bush I got at [illegible] new nursery in C- at the front door – This afternoon I went to town – Clara & Prof McChesneys wife & Jennie returned from Pittsburg at four Oclock this morning Aunt Mary went up to Columbus yesterday morning to the Liberty Convention and came down on the six Oclock train this evening. Mr and Mrs Morton returned at the same time from Pittsburg from the Synod. Homer has not returned yet. I took supper with Aunt Mary & Clara –

27" May Thurs. A nice day – The four professional sheep shearers with us from Dolley Varden [?] – here for dinner and supper – Mr Mc around home all day. Uncle Joe in the garden. Carey H- and Clayton & Dick farming – Jason still helping with the sheep. Alex finished the chimneys at noon – Lewis busy fixing the porch – This P. M. Clayton took Alex Pugh [?] to the six Oclock train – He is going to his work in Cincinnati. Nettie and I very busy to day. Paul at School – and he went with Clayton to C- when he took Alex down. After supper Clayton at town on an errand – Uncle Dan called –

28" May. Friday. One of the sheep shearers here to finish off the sheep and did not get through until after dinner. Lewis repairing at the porch up stairs. Tom Crawford called this A.M. This is the last day at Miss Wylies School – Paul there They are having a picnic to day. Near noon Jason took the basket of dinner up and stayed for dinner and for the afternoon performance – Aunt Nettie and I very busy. After our dinner I went up to the school – They were just at dinner when I got there – It was raining all forenoon a little – and on account of the showers the dinner was spread in the house – Quite a number of parents there and visitors there from around here and there. Miss Wylies Mother and Sister -- & brother were there. We had nice declamations and songs this afternoon – Paul had a nice declamation – "Six Years Old." He spoke well – I rode home with Mr Walkers – Paul was feeling very sad that the last day of school had come and gone. This was a grand day for all the school children – a grand happy day

– not soon to be forgotten. After we came home Mr Mc and I went to town a little while Mr Mc called to see [illegible] – and Will Mitchel – Homer came to Springfield last night on his return from Pittsburg Stayed all night with Harlan and came down with Harlans horse and buggy this morning to College – He was gone to Pitchin to night and will stay with us as he returns. Mr Von Chogin [?] of S- called this P.M. Clayton at Dicks this Eve –

29" May Sat. A nice day. Lewis putting in screen windows and door in the kitchen. Mr Mc at Henry Kyles and that vicinity before dinner – and this afternoon over at Uncle [illegible] and that country. Homer took Harlans buggy to him in Springfield and came back with Alice Orr. Carey, Dick and Clayton finishing the planting. Jason around. Uncle Joe in the garden – This afternoon Nettie and Paul took him down home – Sadie Stuart gave us quite a surprise as she landed here this afternoon on her wheel [bicycle?]. Clara came out home with Nettie – I have been very busy – Ive finished up the ironing in full. Clayton took Dick to C- this eve on his way to Georges [?] Clara and Sadie went to town after supper for a ride and to make some calls.

30" May. Sabb. Cool but pleasant. All around the fire this P.M. We had dinner at twelve. Mr Mc Clara, Clayton Jason and Paul and Sadie Stuart and Lewis and Nettie and I are here to dinner – Sabbath School at two Oclock this P.M. – and at three Prof McChesney preached the baccalaureate sermon for the High School in our church. Mr Mc Clara & Clayton & Jason & Sadie S- there. We shut up the house and Lewis and Nettie and Paul and I attended the Sabbath School in our School House at three – We had quite an increase from the last day – we had fifteen there. Carey H- opened the school and he and Lewis were instructors in the Bible Class – I took all of the children in my class – always give me the children. Sadie came out with Mr Mc and Clara stayed at Aunt Marys to be ready for the examinations tomorrow in the College – after the young folks meeting Homer came out with Clayton and Jason – We had lunch served this eve –

31" May Monday Bright and pleasant – but a little cool – Sadie left on her wheel [bicycle?] for town would remain with Clara & co until after dinner when she would go back to Springfield. Homer finished writing his debate – Uncle Silas called and Homer rode down to town with him – Maggie H- here helping Nettie clean the dining room and white wash the kitchen. I have been busy all day at Netties work in the kitchen – Uncle Joe came out with Uncle Dan and is in the garden. Lewis on repairs. Clayton and Paul at Mill – out at Mitchels mill for a few pieces of lumber – This Eve Clayton and Dick to the clothes to Mrs P-

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1" June Tuesday. A pleasant day but cool – Nettie and Maggie H- put down the dining room carpet – and changed things around – I left dinner nearly ready and went with Uncle Joe to town we made but a short stay – were home to dinner. This afternoon Mr Mc & Jason and Dick farming Uncle Joe in the garden. Maggie H- here until noon. This afternoon Walter called – He was here for supper and on a protracted call this eve with Mr Mc Clayton and Jason at Cedarville High School Commencement to night – Prof. Sayers Supt. Miss Fannie Townsley

among the graduates. Warner Hamilton & co. are roofing the tenant house these days. Carey H- here looking over accts.

2" June Wed. Dick & Carey H- and Clayton getting ready to plant potatoes – Lewis putting in castors Nettie busy this afternoon I went to town on errands. Paul walked down with Holtons and Matthews to the Opera house where the township schools were gathered in to practices – I made a short call at Aunt Marys – Homer and Paul came out home with me – After supper Homer took a drive up the pike. Mr Mc looking after things all day. Sprinkling rain this Eve – Paul did not practice his piece this P.M. He said his throat hurt him.

3" June Thurs Every one busy. Carey & Dick Uncle Joe and Clayton at the potato planting. This A.M. Nettie took Homer down town to be ready for his work – I have been busy all morning. Nettie home again at noon. This afternoon the bees swarmed Walter here – This Eve Mr McDarmen [?] here with a petition regarding the Selma Supt. – Clayton at George Irvins [?] shop [?] this eve – and home again and went with Will Mc and Jason to a meeting of the Township Schools at the Opera House – Nora and Mary Holton rode down with Paul and me – I called at Aunt Marys – Clara is getting ready for the examinations tomorrow – Aunt Mary at the meeting to hear Paul – and she heard a nice speech for Pauls name was on the program – and when he was called he came out like a little man and spoke real nicely. The house was well filled. Before going to the meeting I called to speak to Uncle Ervin and Aunt Bell – they returned from the meeting of Synod this evening. Mr Mc at home resting – Paul asked why father did not come to hear him. I hope he will always be in the same notion Mr Collingsworth called to see Mr Mc

4" June Friday. A nice day but cool. At an early hour Mr Mc and I left for Wilmington to see Aunt Mary E- Homer sent her a dispatch early this morning. We reached there at eleven – and stayed until after five We had a nice day – Mr Mc called to Dr. Smith, late of Cedarville. When we came home we found a letter from Fred – he is still working up his railroad scheme. Carey & Dick, Clayton and Jason & Uncle Joe and Lewis all busy. Paul spent most of the day at Holtons – This Eve Dick and Clayton at C- Uncle Joe at C- and brought the clothes home. Weaver called.

5" June. Sat. Another clear day. Mr Mc at Mr Dan Deans this morning – Mr McDormant here this morning in the interest of the Selma Schools. After an early dinner Mr Mc left by way of Cedarville and took Clara with him to Springfield. This afternoon Nettie took Uncle Joe down home Jason finished his contract on the Pike clearing up the brush. The men replanting corn – Paul around all day. Jason & Clayton hived the bees. Every one busy. Warner Hamilton and co roofing the tenant house – Mr Mc returned home after dark – Clara remained in Springfield at Stuarts and will come down with Harlan in the morning. Mr Mc tired.

6" June Sabbath. A pleasant day Clayton and Paul at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church alone. Jason watching the bees & Lewis & Dick around – Nettie in full charge – Mr Morton preached as usual. Harlan at church Clara came with him from S- Homer and Harlan here to dinner Clara

went back to Aunt Marys. At three O'clock Mr Mc and Harlan Homer Clayton and Jason and I at the church – Dr. McKinney of Cincinnati preached the Baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class – Homer, Alvin Orr, Cal Morton, R P Gorbald Ross O. J W. Bickett Xenia five in all. Text “They shall walk with me in white.” This is a picturesque way of characterizing those who have overcome. It is the highest peak of the mountains is clothed in white – This is true of human life – It is the pale face of the student that shows that mind has triumphed over the physical man. There is much that has entered into the white robe – There is three elements we will mention – Activity sacrifice and assimilation or likeness These are all in the making up of the white robe the worthy are to wear. While this robe seems so simple there has entered into it the most costly sacrifice – the gift of the greatest love – We can wear white because our robes are washed in the blood of the lamb. Our lives are made up of little things – We only [illegible] and mount up on wings very occasionally The activity of the average man is the simple walk The white robe is the result of sacrifice Is life worth living: Young men if you are living for your self it is not. There will come a time in your life when you will feel and know that – to save your life is to loose (sic) it – If only those who loose (sic) shall save it or shall find it again – We assimilate or become like those we associate with. It does not matter so much from where we come as to whether we are going. Young men your experience will be in many things to be disappointed & often when some desired good has been attained to find that it did not bring the happiness you desired. But in this there shall be no disappointment no failure that he that promised that you should walk with him in white is faithful and true. They shall walk with me in white is the reward of life and is held up before you as a crown. This walking in white and Christ is the ordinary walk of life. To walk in white bespeaks sacrifice – These young men have sacrificed pleasure or they never would have attained the place they occupy to day. When anything desirable has been attained it means sacrifice. Young men I charge you that you walk with Christ and in white. The world despises faithfulness – but God honors it. The welcome to heaven is to those that are faithful. You are the first born children of your Alma Mater. Your success can never be greater than our wishes and prayers have been for you. Our great desire for you is that you may walk in white – May each of you be faithful unto death and you shall receive a crown of life. After preaching the C. E. met – it was a consecration evening. Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and I remained for it. Clara and Homer were there. Prof McChesney gave an account of the young peoples convention at Pittsburg. The meeting very interesting. After the sermon Harlan went back to Springfield. This afternoon at three O'clock our Sabbath School met in our school house. Lewis and Nettie and Paul there. Dick around all day.

7th June. Monday. Clayton at C- with peafowls for Homer to ship to [illegible] King of Pittsburg. Uncle Joe came out with him and brought a screen door frame from Mitchels. Lewis putting it up to day. Carey, Dick & Jason harrowing and replanting Just a little after noon we had a nice shower. This Eve Clayton and Jason took clothes to Mrs P- and at Aunt Marys – and attended a meeting of the Society at the College. Mr Mc around all day Walter her for dinner.

8" June. Tues. A nice day This morning I went to town on an errand. I was not there long. Every one away. Tomorrow is Flower Mission day I must get ready for it. Walter and Ralph here to dinner. The bees swarmed – This afternoon Mrs Conley called. Mrs Holton here helping on the carpet – I have been busy in the kitchen this afternoon. This Eve Mr Mc Clayton and Jason and I at the Opera House. "Class Night" and were entertained by the graduating class. Paul at home with Uncle Joe and Lewis, Dick and Nettie. All of us busy to day.

9" June. Wed. A beautiful day. "Flower Mission day." I left Nettie in charge and went to Xenia – Aunt Mary went with me. Mrs Garbold, from Ross Ohio – here to attend the Commencement to see her son graduate went with Aunt Bell and the girls in their carriage. The women from X- and else where had visited the jail and work house before we got there we went out to the Infirmary and picniced on their beautiful lawn under the shade of those trees. In the afternoon the inmates gathered in the chapel and were addressed by Aunt Mary Mrs Garbold and Mrs Dr Chaffra [?] and Mrs Charles Merrick. Aunt Mary gave the Scripture reading "Jesus at the Well" it was fine. Mrs. Garbold helped us to day so much – She seemed so full of love and sympathy and tried to cheer the poor unfortunate ones we met to day. I do not think we will ever forget her. We reached Cedarville before dark. Mrs Mary Kitchen came in on the six Oclock train to visit Clara at Aunt Marys and attend the Commencement. There is a musical recital at the College to night. Clayton and Jason and Dick is there. Mr Mc was at Charleston this afternoon – returned after dark. Uncle Joe, Dick, Clayton Jason and Paul and Lewis busy to day. Mrs Holton here and helped Nettie The sitting room carpet down and everything in order when I came home.

10" June. Thurs. A beautiful day indeed. Mr Mc, Clayton, Jason, Paul and Uncle Joe and I attended the first commencement of Cedarville College, at ten Oclock in the Opera House. The five graduates Raymond Poster Garbold of Ross Ohio, and J. W. Bickett, of Xenia Ohio and J. Alvin Orr, and Cal. C. Morton, and our son Homer McMillan all of Cedarville, and the Trustees and Faculty filled up the center and side of the stage. Rev Chas. Frederick Pass of Cincinnati delivered the class oration – The principle thought he tried to impress upon the class was to consecrate, devote and dedicate their life – soul & body to the best and highest good in life. The blessings and privileges we enjoy to day is the gift and sacrifices of those who have gone before us. The greatest height that is possible to be attained is through consecration and dedication and devotion to what is best and highest in life – and that reaches beyond the present – The speaker said there was a hallowed charm and beauty and brightness and interest in this day that the graduating class that sat before him could never forget but would follow them to their latest days.

Dr David McKinney of Cincinnati President of the College conferred the diplomas – He said –young men of the graduating class – and my boys – I can not dismiss you without a few words from my heart. You bid your Alma Mater farewell to day. We say farewell. We can no longer direct you or bid you to do this or that. But boys we will follow you with our prayers. We hope how ever high the position you may attain you will never forget Cedarville College or duty. Consecrate your selves to God. Live noble helpful lives and God will bless and direct you.

This was a grand gathering in the Opera House today. If the graduating class can never forget this day I feel sure that some of the rest of us will always remember it. It will always stand out above and over other days bright and beautiful. But while I speak of this day – I remember an other day that stands bright and beautiful too and towers above the ordinary days of life – that day is the 11th of June 1896. It is a year ago tomorrow since father and I sat in a gathering in Monmouth – The “Commencement Day” in Monmouth College – then another son was counted among the graduates, Fred McMillan – We were happy there – We were happy to day. May the remembrance of that day and of this day help and strengthen us through the years. “Commencement Day” not finished but beginning! May all that is good and best and highest and grandest and noblest and holiest in life crown my boys is the prayer of this Mother.

Harlan came down from his place in Springfield and helped to brighten the day with his presence. He came home with us to dinner — and late in the P.M. — he went to Homer and Clara at Aunt Marys – Uncle Joe remained in C— to be ready for the meeting to night.

Father and Clayton and Jason and I went to the Opera House to the Society Contest. Martha Ramsey and Mary Knott on Essay. Robert Harper and Mr Rife on Oration. James Pollock and Mary Little on Declamation. Homer and Jas McQuilken on Debate. Question “Should the American Protective Association receive the support of the American people.” Homer took the negative side — and James McQuilken the affirmative. When the judges handed in their decision Homer failed just enough to say he lost it – The other society won much to the surprise of the audience – Homer won a great deal of praise for his manly [illegible] after his cause was lost — I feel almost sure, from what has been said, that the defeat gained him more friends than victory possibly could have gotten him. He spoke grandly to night. We met Miss Praff at Aunt Marys She came around on the train from Y. Springs this evening She is Prof of Elocution in Antioch College. Mary Kitchen at Aunt Marys Harlan went with her and Clara, and Miss Praff to the Opera House. After the contest he went back to Springfield. The Opera house crowded — the interest great. Paul home with Louis, the old painter, Dick and Nettie and was asleep long before we reached home. I forgot to note that Rev. Chas Scott of India opened the Commencement exercises with prayer and Dr Morton pronounced the benediction.

11” June Friday. A nice day. Jason at C- this morning on an errand – He watched and hived the bees the rest of the day. Near noon Mr Mc left for Xenia Walter went with him. Two men from off the pike here to lunch – One of them Harry Wilson will stop and clean the walks for a few days – Oliver Hempil [?] from the Infirmary came this morning on trial – he spent the day cleaning up the “hog lot.” Uncle Joe at C- on an errand this afternoon He came home with the boys from the contest last night. Lewis began varnishing the furniture this morning.

12” June Sat. A beautiful day. Oliver Hempill went back to his house in Xenia this morning. Harry Wilson from off the pike putting the walks and front yard in order. Albert Harris stopped for lunch and concluded to stop for a few days. He helped Uncle Joe plant pumpkin seeds this P.M. Mr Dean and J. S. [illegible] brought their wool in this morning. On yesterday afternoon

Homer and Mary K- at the Clifton Cliffs and Y. Springs with Blanch & Mary & Jennie M- & Clara & Mr Walters and Alvie Orr. Homer came here last night and to day he and Walter are in Springfield. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. on an errand. Clayton Jason Dick and Lewis all busy. Casey H- & Uncle Joe Paul around with Nettie for awhile Mr Mc and I went by way of C- to the Farmers Institute to the Y. Springs – We called at C- for Clara but she was too tired to go – Aunt Mary went in her place. We had a nice ride over met some nice folks – Miss Graff [?] came home with us. Clara came too. We went over in Mr Matthews carriage. Uncle Joe rode down with Will Mc Miss Graff gave us several recitations this Eve that we enjoyed very much – She is elected Prof [?] in Antioch College for another year.

13" June Sabb. A beautiful day. Homer Clara Clayton and Paul and Miss Graff at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc and I at church too. Rev Chas Scott of India preached text Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature And lo I am with you to the end of the world. Harlan at church to day and came home with us to dinner. Aunt Mary Murdock came out too to help us with the Sabbath School. This is Lewis last Sabbath he sat down to the dinner with us At three Oclock he and Paul went off to the School house and opened it and rang the bell – Clayton went with Aunt Mary and me to the Sabbath School – We had a nice meeting. Homer took Miss Graff home to the Springs – I was sorry she found it necessary to go back this Eve – Aunt Mary went down home with Harlan as he went to his home in Springfield. None of the children at the young folks meeting – I wonder if that is why I feel so sad this eve – or why? We had a shower after the folks started.

14" June Monday. A lovely day. Homer went with me to [illegible] & [illegible] or rather he went with me to town and I went there. Homer remained in C- took dinner at Aunt Marys. I reached home near noon – Lewis concluded to remain until morning – We lent a helping hand this afternoon – Harry Wilson went away this morning & Albert Harris remained – he has been cleaning the "lawns" around the barn. Homer came out with Uncle Dan Clara at C- with the clothes – After supper Homer went to a social at Pitchin. Mr Mc and Jason in the yard all day with the bees – bees.

15" June Tuesday. A beautiful day. Homer & Clara and [illegible] taking dinner at Aunt Jeanettes and Uncle Bighams. Nettie began sewing this morning. I have attended to the other work to day Lewis Floyd left us this morning. He has been here since the [blank] and has been busy most of the time – Uncle Joe & Albert at the pumpkin planting all A.M. Homer & Clara home in time for supper. Homer at C- again this Eve.

16" June Wed. Homer around all A.M. Nettie sewing Clara helping me with the work – The P.M. Mr Mc & Homer at Charleston. A drenching rain shower fell this P.M. late – Dick & Clayton had to come in for the rest of the day. Carey on the sick list. Jason taking care of the bees. This Eve Clayton and Dick at C- A letter from Fred He was in St. Louis meeting Pres Isley [?] of the [blank] road. He expected to go back to Chicago – then to Monmouth.

17" June Thurs – A lovely day after the rain. Albert finished mowing the yard & has things in nice order – Jason at C- and brought [illegible] out – Clayton & Dick put in a full day cleaning the stables. Homer at C- and brought out Mr D. Spence and [illegible] and Robbie P- Alvie Orr here – They were here to dinner and for tea also – Homer and Mr Spence at Pollacks this eve – Mr S- will come back here – Mr Mc and Jason had a full day in the yard with the bees. Uncle Joe around all day. This Eve I called to see Carey H- he has been on the sick list this week. This was the day of Wilberforce Commencement The colored folks passing thick [?] and fast. Walter M- attended it to day – and was here to supper this Eve – Albert helping the boys to day around the barn. Jason at C- with Will Mc this Eve to bring the clothes out. Clara busy all day & so was Nettie.

18" June – Friday Too damp to plow -- Jason at C- with [illegible] Cart at an early hour this morning. Homer and Mr Spence took a late breakfast and went to town. Albert & Dick and Clayton going on with their good [illegible] – Mr Mc at Sol Wilsons house to a late dinner – Maggie H- here and ironed this P.M. A heavy rain came up as the men were getting ready to resume the plowing. Work suspended again. Carey H- still sick. Homer here to supper and to Pitchin to night. He expects to attend Miss Graffs recital at the Y. Springs at the College – Mr Mc took Clara to C- to go over to Miss Graffs recital with Blanche and Mary and Frank Ervin and Jennie Morton. They went over in Uncle Ervins carriage.

19" June Saturday. Homer did not get home until late as they were out in quite a storm when returning from the Springs. Harlan had company with him from Springfield and would be in the storm too getting home. Carey here to day looking over accts with Mr Mc Albert cleaning up the grounds Uncle Joe and Clayton and Jason & Paul & Dick around. This afternoon Clayton at mill – Homer rode down with him and rode out with Will Mc at a later hour. Uncle Joe rode down with Will Mc. Clayton and Jason at Selma Nettie and I at C- this P.M. We called at Aunt Marys and Aunt Bells. Clara came home with us. Mr Mc around home all day.

20" June Sabb. Homer Clara and Paul at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc and Clayton at church – I was afraid of rain and stayed at home – Jason & Dick and Albert and Nettie home – This afternoon Jason and Paul and Nettie and I at the Sabbath School. We missed Lewis – I wonder if he would think of us. There was only ten there – but we will go forward Clayton at the jr. C.E. but there was no meeting. Homer and Clara at the young folks meeting.

21" June Monday. A nice day. Homer took Clara to C- to help Aunt Mary with house cleaning this week. He came back bringing Uncle Joe with him. Nettie at the sewing. I attended to the other work. This P.M. Homer took the clothes to Mrs P- & spent a little while with the boys. McQuilken went home to day. Homer here for supper and later he went to Pitchin – Clayton at C- this Eve – Mr Mc at Doley Varden & Charleston this afternoon – Clayton, Carey & Dick plowing – Jason taking care of the bees. Albert cleaning the cave – cool this eve – almost cold enough for frost.

22" June Tuesday. A beautiful day Mr Mc around home all A.M. Clayton, Carey & Dick plowing. Albert began white washing. I went to C- and brought Aunt Jane out. A colored man to exchange stock – here to dinner. Mr Mc and Jason at the pasture This afternoon I took Aunt Jane home we called to see Della – Clara still at Aunt Marys – Homer went to C- with me this morning and came back with me – After supper he and Robt Wilson at the Y. Springs – Homer there especially to see Miss Graff – Alex Pugh arrived this eve –

23" June Wed. A nice day. Nettie sewing. Albert whitewashing Alex cleaning the old barn. Clayton Carey and Dick plowing. Jason watching the bees. Uncle Joe in the garden. Paul around. This Eve Dicks brother here to supper Mr Mc and I made a hasty trip to C- Uncle Dan here this P.M.

24" June Thurs. A beautiful day. The girls from [illegible] called for the "festival cake" this morning. Mr Mc at C- and brought Clara out – Near noon they left for Springfield Mr Mc went to Shanes[?] grocery. Clara at Stuarts for tea. Mr Mc stopped with Harlan at Adams. Clayton Dick and Carey were plowing to day. Alex putting things to right around the hog [illegible]. Albert white washing Uncle Joe and Paul around. Jason caring for the bees. Nettie sewing this A.M. – This P.M. – at the work. Homer went with me to town. I called to see Aunt Bell – Aunt Mary went out with me to Turners for strawberries – Homer came home with me – I have been in the strawberries canning all evening. Clayton and Jason started to the [illegible] Festival but finally stopped at the M. E. Prayer meeting in Selma. Prof Weaver leading the meeting. Homer retired early.

25" June Thurs. A beautiful day. Nettie knotting comforts – Clara at the work. Jason at Turners for berries Clara and I put up two bushel of strawberries to day. Alex fixing the cave – Albert whitewashing Uncle Joe in the garden – Clayton Dick, Carey plowing – Paul around – Homer at home This Eve he went to C- returned after eight bringing Robbie G- with him. Walter here to dinner. This afternoon he and Mr Mc at Springfield – came home after dark – Walter here to night.

26" June Sat. Another nice day. After a late breakfast and an early dinner Homer & Robbie G- left for Charleston. Alex finished the cave and went to C- in the wagon. Uncle Joe rode down with him Walter went home this morning. Clayton, Carey & Dick plowing. Nora H- helped with the ironing. Clara at the work – Nettie sewing. Homer returned after dark. Nora and Mary H- and Paul called at Chaneys[?] to solicit Sabbath School Scholars.

27" June Sabb A beautiful day. Mr Mc at home from the affects of a bee sting. Jason at home too. Alex Albert and Nettie here – Homer and Clara and Clayton and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church – I drove down for Aunt Jane She and Mrs Bratton rode up with me. Mr Mortons text – "The path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more to the perfect day." This afternoon Jason and Paul and Nettie and I at the Sabbath School at the

School house – We had ten there and a good meeting. Clara & Clayton and Homer at the young folks meeting I finished reading Pauls book to him the “Peep[?] of Day”

28” June Monday A pleasant day. Clayton Dick and Carey plowing. Alex cutting thistles Albert whitewashing – Nettie made my wrapper Clara at the work. Homer brought Uncle Joe out this A.M. Mr Mc at the Warner pasture this P.M. – Homer and I at C- I made some purchases at Barbers to be brought out this Eve. Clayton & Dick went down this Eve to bring a [illegible] from Aunt Marys. Homer at Pitchin this Eve.

29” June Tues. Quite a warm day. Albert whitewashing Clayton Dick, and Carey plowing Alex at the thistles, Jason around with Mr Mc. Mary Ervin stopped in this morning. Paul and I at C- We took dinner at Aunt Mary – he stayed there while I went to Clifton to see Frank but she did not leave Port Jarvis until yesterday – Paul and I called to see Della as we came home. Nettie making sheets to day, Clara at the work – Mr Mc and Homer at the Warner pasture. Mr Henry Kyle and daughter Clara left for California to day. This Eve all at home. Clara attending to the work. Homer at home today. This afternoon he went with Mr Mc to the Warner pasture. Uncle Ervins stopped at the gate when returning from Charleston.

30” June Wed. A nice day but very warm. Clayton at C- at the shop. Jason plowing for him. Homer went with me to town remaining there until father came along when he went with him to Xenia – I made but a short stay in C- Maggie H- here – She and Nettie knotted four comforts for me – This makes six altogether – Clara and I at the work – Jason put in a full day plowing & so did Carey – Dick helping Alex with the thistles – Uncle Joe helping too. Homer stopped off in C- and came out with Clayton and Jason when they went down – Jessie Townsley and Florence Bashe [?] married this Eve. Charlie Smith and Miss Susie Taylor “both colored” were married this evening too. Albert Harris went away this morning.

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1” July Thurs. A beautiful day – Not quite so warm. Homer & Clayton at C- this morning to bring articles for the Binder out – from the warehouse – Alex, Dick, and Uncle Joe put in a full day at the thistles Clayton Jason & Carey plowing. Nettie sewing – Paul around enjoying him self all day. Uncle Silas called this A.M. Mr Mc around home all day. Homer at C- this P.M. A letter from Fannie She and Donald and Malcom will be home tomorrow. Joyful news – I am sure. We were not expecting them before next week – but we will be none the less glad to see them. Maggie H- here and ironed.

2” July Friday. A warm day indeed. Mr Mc and Jason left early this morning to meet Fannie and the boys. We have had a busy day here. The Springfield men two of them here setting up the new binder. Homer at town this morning to bring out some things for them – He was also there again this afternoon on the same errand – Mrs H- here this morning Maggie H- here most of the day helping us. Nettie at work – and Clara too. Alex finished the thistles – Dick and

Clayton and Carey plowing. This afternoon [illegible] Gallier [?] a [illegible] man who was here three years ago came. He is with us to night. Near dark Mr Mc came with Fannie Malcom and Donald. They are all looking fine – Fannie is looking especially fine. Paul has watched the road since two O'clock this P.M. for their coming. This Eve Homer & Clayton took Uncle Joe down. He has not been well to day. Our Springfield men were here to dinner. Mrs McClain and her boys called this afternoon. Homer was expecting to see Mr D. Spense this Eve but he did not go.

3" July Sat – Very warm indeed Homer and Clayton left this morning to celebrate the 4" at Solon. Fannie and the children around – Nettie busy. Clara in the kitchen most of the time. John Gallier with us to day helping Alex with the weed cutting – Mr Mc at the Warner pasture this afternoon – This afternoon Dick went with Jason to town – Jason started out for a fourth of July at this visiting [?] he is not home yet neither are Homer or Clayton. Once a year is too often to celebrate the fourth – Jason is home now – he and Dick at the Springs – Dick stopped off at John Georges – Carey H- rode with Jason from C- Homer & Clayton are still missing – I hope they will never have to go on Saturday to be late getting home on Saturday Eve – It is a poor way to be prepared to keep the Sabbath correctly – or as it should be kept.

4" July Sabbath. A very warm day. Homer Clayton Jason and Paul at Sabbath School and church – I drove down for Aunt Jane but she was not feeling well. Mr Mc and I at preaching too. Mr Mortons text. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in thee." Aunt Mary came home with us to dinner and attended our three O'clock meeting with us at the Sabbath School house. She heard the Bible class and went down home when Homer & Clayton went to the young folks meeting. Jason Paul and Nettie and John Gallier at the Sabbath School too we had quite a nice meeting – Clara not very well – She is at home to day. Fannie and her children at home also – John G- and Alex and Nettie here. It is a "scorching" warm day.

5" July Monday Very warm. Clayton at C- for machine repairs. Finally Mr Mc made a hasty trip – Mr Corwin from Springfield and daughter here to dinner. Mr Mc home in time to sit down with us. John G- cutting the weeds along the pike – Alex, Dick & Carey Clayton and Jason all busy. This afternoon Alvie Orr past up to picnic at "Selma" – Homer past up to picnic at "Pitchin" – A heavy shower came up that stopped business here. Mr Mc around with Corwin fixing up the Binder all P.M. They did not remain for tea. This Eve Clayton took the clothes to Mrs P. [?] Jason at Uncle Dans and Willies helping with the hay shocks – they were there to dinner and notwithstanding the work was suspended at three O'clock they remained for supper – Just think of it. Uncle Joe on the sick list and did not come out – Nettie and Clara and I busy. Fannie and the children around all day –

6" July. Tuesday. A pleasant day after the rain – The new Binder rolled out this morning – Homer left for the wheat field at an early hour – Carey H- [illegible] the Binder. Dick and Alex and Clayton and Jason at the work too. Donald very much interested in the work – Malcom

says Donald is going to help and he can not go home until he does. This afternoon Mr Mc and Homer at Warner pasture Clara Nettie and I busy. John G- began whitewashing this morning – This evening Fannie and Donald and Malcom and Paul at Cedarville – They took supper with Aunt Mary – And called to see Aunt Janes and Aunt Bells and Mr Mortons – Homer Clara and Clayton at town – There was a side show that attracted the attention of the small boys. Clara came home with Fannie and the children. Took supper to the field.

7" July Wed. A warm day again. Clara and Nettie and I put in a full ironing and at the work – Mr Mc around all A.M. Clayton at mill this A.M. – and Mr Mc and Homer at C- all at home in time for dinner. This afternoon Mr Mc at Selma. Carey running the Binder. Alex, Dick & Clayton and Jason in the wheat field. Uncle Joe still absent. Paul entertaining Donald and Malcom Fannie & Clara at home Nettie busy I attended the congregational prayer meeting – we had a nice meeting the leading thought – Be of good courage – be faithful to the end. I attended to some business. I took supper with Aunt Mary. I stopped to speak to Alice Bromegam – She is just getting over a sick spell – I also called to speak to Della Mc She was sitting in the yard to keep cool. Homer and Jason at C- the side show still in session – Clara and Clayton over at [illegible] garden for goos berries – they will be ready in the morning. Corwin, the Binder man here to tea.

8" July. Thursday. Another warm day. Carey running the Binder – Dick & Alex & Homer in the wheat field. John Gallier busy at the whitewashing to day & yesterday as well. Fannies washing was brought from C- last night from Mrs P- s and was ironed this A.M. A letter from Fred – he will be home tomorrow. All are happy. This A.M. Clayton at C- he got Kyles conveyance – Uncle Joe still absent – Mr Lank [illegible] here looking at the pumps This afternoon Mr Mc and Homer at the Warner pasture – Jason met with quite an accident when up near Will Mc s after a cow "Old Prince" [illegible] the [illegible] frightened and finally fell down – his ankle is sprained – They sent him down in the carriage – some of the men brought him in – and Fannie like the good samaritan dressed the wound and done all in her power for his comfort – Mrs Holton here this P.M. We had a five Oclock supper – Carey came in with the crowd. This Eve Mr Mc and Fannie Clara & Paul and Donald and Malcom went to the Clifton gardener for gooseberries this Eve – Homer and Clayton went to Cedarville this evening –

9" July. Friday. Another very warm day – It is up to 95 in the shade right here – This morning just as Mr Mc and Fannie were starting to Springfield for Fred, John Kyle passing from C- brought a message saying he would not be home until tomorrow – but father and Fannie drove over just the same – Donald and Malcom were good boys and so was Paul a good boy too. Jason around first on the chair next in bed Carey running the binder. Clayton Dick & Alex at the work. John G- at the whitewashing – Mrs Holton and daughters here most of the day helping to clean gooseberries – the girls here to dinner – the rest of the family here to supper with the exception [?] of Carey. This afternoon Homer at C- this evening at Pitchin – I finished

canning the berries this Eve – had twenty five pts – Mr Mc and Fannie home after dark – Fannie took dinner at Stuarts – and she and her father at Adams's.

10" July. Sat. Another warm day indeed – Homer went to the wheat field this morning Carey running the Binder. Dick, Alex & Clayton are busy in the wheat field – This morning I made a hasty trip to C- Clara busy in the kitchen. Nettie busy too. Fannie around helping. This afternoon Mr Mc and Homer at the wheat – The men came in to a late supper. This Eve Clayton took Dick to C- & brought Freds "old" trunk [?] from Tarboxes shop – Fannie and Donald and Malcom and Paul and Homer drove down to town after supper – We waited long and patiently for Harlan & Fred to come – they did not reach here until after Eleven Oclock – part of us sat up until they came. Every one tired to night. It is a bright evening.

11" July Sabbath – A pleasant day. All at home once more – It has been [blank] years since all the children were all at home at the same time before. Homer & Clara and Paul and Clayton at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc and Fannie Fred & Harlan at church – Jason still on the sick list with his sprained ankle but is very much recovered. Mr Mortons text "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness and hath no light; let him trust in the name of the Lord and stay upon his God. Aunt Mary came home with the folks to attend our Sabbath School – Walter also came. Alex, Dick and John G- all here and sat down to dine with us. Aunt Nettie around – Donald and Malcom at home with Jason – I was at home too. At three Oclock a heavy shower came that prevented our attending the Sabbath School. Nora & Mary H- and Paul opened the house and rang the bell – and that included all. After lunch this Eve Homer went back with Harlan to his house in Springfield. We have had a crowded day – a busy day – yet a sober profitable day I hope – there is something very sacred about the sabbath – and if we fear God we certainly will be in earnest in keeping it holy. Aunt Mary went down home with Walter this evening.

12" July. Monday. A nice day – Fred and Fannie and the two boys Donald and Malcom at C- brought Uncle Joe out. Carey running the Binder in lot by the School house – Homer came down after ten from Springfield on Fannies wheel. This afternoon Homer at the wheat shocking along with Alex. John G- has completed all the barns & enclosures across the way – and has been whitewashing the old barn this afternoon. Mr Mc took Jason with him to Warner pasture. Fred and Fannie took the clothes to Mrs P- and called around C- and took supper with Aunt Mary. Dick and Clayton plowing in field by the rail road – Carey in with the folks to supper – At a later hour Walter here and came in with Mr Mc and Jason to tea. Clara and Nettie and I all busy. Old Mr David M. Kyle is dead – and is buried to day. Cool to night – Donald & Malcom at home.

13" July. Tues. It was much cooler last night and quite a change this morning a little extra clothing is necessary. This morning all of our men at work in the wheat field and corn field and garden – Dick & Clayton still plowing. Homer & Alex shocking wheat. John G- at the old barn whitewashing – Mr Mc around. This A.M. Fred & Fannie and Donald & Malcom left for Aunt

Jennettes & Uncle Bighams – Donald and Malcom stayed with us while their mother was gone yesterday afternoon & behaved nicely – Clara baking to day. This afternoon at three O'clock a shower came on – work suspended for a little while. This P.M. Homer at C- home to supper – Fannie and the children and Fred returned from Aunt Jennettes & were here to supper too – Uncle Dan called – This Eve Homer at Pitchin – It is cool this evening.

14" July. Wed. A shower in the night. The men at the wheat in field in back of the old barn. Clayton and Dick taking hogs to Selma for Will Mc. Fannie and the children her all day. John G- whitewashing [illegible] house and fences around – We ironed to day Nettie busy – This afternoon Fred and I at C- We took supper with Aunt Mary. Mr Mc at the Warner pasture this P.M. Clara here and attended to the supper assisted by Fannie. Homer, Clayton & Jason at C- this evening.

15" July. Thurs. A very pleasant day. The men finished cutting wheat at noon. John G- cleaned the cistern yesterday and white washed the calf house and fences to day. Fannie took her first ride on her wheel this morning. She called to see Della. I went to the office – Jas A. McMillan goes out of the post office to day – and Rep Tom Tarbox takes the place. This afternoon I attended the monthly W. C. T. U. at Mrs Barrs [illegible] – Aunt Bell and I took tea with Aunt Mary. A. Y. Reid & family boarding at D. S. Erwins – Mr Mc and Fred at Charleston this afternoon – came home to supper after dark – This evening Lizzie Blair and Mary McMillan & son Melvin called. Homer at C- to night. They brought the sheep from Warner pasture this A.M.

16" July. Friday. Fred at Aunt Jennettes and Uncle Bighams on a chatt [?] – stayed with them for dinner. The men plowing and cutting weeds. Uncle Joe set out four hundred heads of cabbage – Clara baking. This afternoon rain. Fannie and the children around – late this P.M. – Homer at C- and rode out with Fred when he past through C- Jason at the [illegible] after supper – Homer & Fred at Pitchin to call. Clayton up the pike.

17" July Sat. Damp after the rain last night & yesterday. This A.M. I took Nettie & Nora H- to C- Fannie and Clara at the work – We reached home in time for dinner – plowing & weed cutting the order of the day. John Gallier finished his white washing this evening. This afternoon Fred & Clara at the office & home for supper. After supper Homer at C- he took Uncle Joe home. Fred up at Will Mc's awhile – Homer home in good time again. About nine O'clock Harlan drove in from Springfield – He and Fred occupying the girls old room to night. Once more the children all at home – These occasions come so rarely that they are bright days in the family history.

18" July Sabb. A beautiful day. Homer Clayton and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church. Mr Mc Fred Harlan and Clara at church. Fannie and Donald & Malcom at home. Jason still on the disabled list with sprained ankle. Alex, Dick, and John Gallier & Nettie all at home. Mr Mortons text " And if ye salute your brethern [sic] only, what do ye more than others? Do not

even the publicans so?" We may love our friends and salute our breathern [sic] and be kind and loving to those who are kind to us – but we must do more than this we must love and be kind to those who are unkind and uncharitable and unforgiving. This is something only a Christian can do. Those who have never wept over their own sins can weep over the sins of others. Those who never have prayed for their own sins are able to pray for others – The poor the lame and the blind are to be sought out and brought to Christ – and the ungodly can not do this. We should do more than others because we have the means and facility of doing more. We have as Christians an influence greater than others not only on earth but with God in heaven. Prayer gives us moral and spiritual power. Christians are the pillars of the church – and of the earth – less righteous men would have saved Sodom. The prayers of a righteous man shut the windows of heaven that it did not rain and the prayers of that same man opened it again. We have greater responsibility than others – one remark I write here. Mr M- said that when we labor to save the boys of other we save our own boys. When we strive to save the souls of others we save our own souls. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy – shall return bringing back the sheaves." Aunt Mary out with us from church. The children are here to day and all sat down to our Sabbath dinner. Another bright – happy day. At three Oclock Aunt Mary and Paul and I at the Sabbath School. John Gallier went up. He was the only one in the class – Aunt Mary went over the Bible lesson with him. I had six in my class – the School small in number yet I do not feel discouraged. Home & Clara and Clayton at the young folks meeting After lunch Harlan went by way of C- and took Aunt Mary home as he went back to his home in Springfield – We have had a pleasant and I hope a profitable day.

19" July. Monday. Quite a nice. Homer around helping father with sheep. John Gallier left us this morning he has been with us for two weeks and has made the place look the better of his coming. He rode down to town with Fred and Fannie in the carriage – and went on his way to Cincinnati. Fred left Fannie in town and came back at noon bringing Uncle Joe with him. Alex, Carey & Dick busy at the potatoes. Clayton at mill this A.M. – home to dinner. This afternoon he went back to town to meet Will Torrence [?] – Cedarville quite exercised over the mysterious disappearance of Mr D Spense. Fannie & Fred took tea with Aunt Mary. Clara and I have surely had a busy day. Nettie with us. Mr Mc around all day. This evening Homer at Pitchin.

20" July Tues. A nice day. Homer around at work all day. Clayton cutting grass – They began cutting yesterday – and are hauling into the barn – Alex, Dick & Carey busy. Mr Mc around all day. This A.M. Fred at Aunt Jennettes house at noon – Fannie Donald and Malcom at C- and brought Aunt Jane and Matt out – We had a special table spread. Clara and Nettie and I busy. Jason fixing up honey boxes. Uncle Joe around all day. This Eve Fannie and Fred and I took tea at Prof McChesneys along with Uncle Silas & Aunt Hallie [?] Uncle Ervin and Aunt Bell – Mr & Mrs Morton & their family – and Mr and Mrs McCallem – We had a very pleasant evening. Were sorry that Mr Mc could not make it convenient to go along. Aunt Jane and Aunt Matt

rode down with us – Fred rode down on Claras wheel and came back with Fannie and me in the carriage – After we reached home it had began raining.

21" July. Wed. Very heavy rain last night. The men cutting weeds. Fred and Fannie and Clara took dinner at Aunt Bells – In the afternoon Clara and Fred at Xenia at Dewine [?] Photo gallery. Fannie at Aunt Bells for tea and came home with Fred and Clara when they came along from X- Nettie and I very busy to day. We finished the ironing this A.M. Uncle Joe at work in the garden as usual. This Eve Clayton up the pike – Jason at McDowels on an errand. Homer went with Will Mc to C- Will called here this A.M. to get ages of children for school. Donald & Malcom & Paul around home.

22" July. Thurs. A nice day. Alex, Dick & Carey H- Homer Clayton and old Mr MrDowel and old Isaac's son in law all in the hay field. Fred at Aunt Jennettes this morning and brought her out here to dinner – This Eve he took her home and stayed there for supper – Jason at C- on an errand this A.M. – All the above men here for dinner & supper Carey excepted – Clara and Nettie and I busy. Fannie and the children around. This Eve she went on her wheel to Will Mc's. Homer at C- Clayton & Jason out looking up hands for tomorrow. Mr Mc around home all day.

23" July Friday. Another nice day. Carey at Matthews at the thrashing – Alex, Dick, Clayton Jason & Paul & Isaacs son in law – and the two little Branum boys & Homer in the hay field stacking Mr Mc back and forth all A.M. with Donald and Malcom in the buggy. Uncle Joe in the garden. Near noon Fannie went on her wheel to the office – home in time for dinner. Aunt Mary and Mrs Morton at Jamestown attending Mrs Prof Thomas funeral. This afternoon Fred and Fannie and Donald and Malcom at Uncle Silas's. Aunt Mary was at home in time to go out with them. Homer and Clara at town after supper – Fred met Homer there and went with him to Mrs Pollocks – Clara came home with Fannie and the children We have had a very busy day. This Eve it had almost the appearance of a storm.

24" July. Sat. Another pleasant day. Homer Isaac H-s [?] son in law – and Dick & Alex and Clayton Jason & Paul and one of the Newlean [?] boys at work in the hay field – they finished at noon. The hay harvest is ended – This P.M. Fred and Clara at C- They took Uncle Joe home – After an early supper Mr Mc across the county at Frank Townsley to see Mr All [?] Stormont – Fannie went along for a ride – when they came back home they went to Cedarville – I kept the children – Malcom not very well and Paul and Donald all retired when they came home. After tea Clayton took wood to Aunt Jane Dick gone to be away tomorrow eve. Nettie and I both busy to day.

25" July Sabbath Harlan came down this morning from S- but was too tired to go to church – None of us got to Sabbath School this morning – but Mr Mc Fred Fannie and Donald Homer Clayton Jason and Paul and I at church – Clara and Malcolm and Nettie and Alex around home Prof McChesney preached to day – Text "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused

to be called the Son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God – than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season." Moses choice was one of personal sacrifice. Moses made a decisive choice – He placed himself squarely upon Gods side – to make the right choice we must have strong faith in God – and faith in humanity and we must have faith in our own cause. What was the out come of Moses choice. Success attended him He triumphed gloriously – His enemies were driven off the face of the earth While Moses triumph and glory will never end. Aunt Mary came home with us from church to day. Another blessed sabbath we all sat down to dinner again – Father Mother children and grandchildren – all here. At three Oclock Aunt Mary and Clayton Jason and Paul and Aunt Nettie and I at the Sabbath School at the School house. We had twenty in all there to day – Aunt Mary heard the Bible class. At six Oclock Clara, Clayton and Jason at the young folks meeting. After lunch Harlan went back to his home in Springfield – He took Aunt Mary down home – another Sabbath day is ended.

26" July. Monday A shower last night Mr Lank [?] Bull & Son here repairing pump on the porch – Alex, Dick & Carey & Clayton cutting weeds. Fred and I took Fannie to Aunt Marys to help on repairing of Aunt Janes silk waist – Fred and I at home at noon – Clara & Nettie had dinner ready. Homer working on sheep all A.M. This afternoon Mr Mc and Clayton at Charleston – Fred and Clara and Paul & Donald & Malcolm drove out to Cedarville – Clara took her basket and went to Aunt Marys and prepared supper there while Fannie and Aunt Mary went on with their sewing – After supper Fred drove out with Charlie Haloway – and Fannie & Clara came home with the children – Fred returned at a later hour. Homer at Pitchin to night – Miss Carrie Haines stopped in the eve – She expects to start on a visit to her sisters near Chicago tomorrow evening.

27" July. Tuesday. Alex, Dick and Carey H- & Clayton & Homer hauling wheat into the barn – Fannie and Clara and Nettie at the work – Fred and I at town I drove out to the old place and saw [illegible]. Fred and I reached home at noon – we had cucumbers to day for the first – This P.M. Fannie and Fred at Jamestown Mr & Mrs J. Quincy Adams – they had a pleasant hour and were home in time to sit down to supper with us. We had a little shower or a sprinkle of rain this evening – Paul and Donald and Malcom had a fine time playing to day. After supper Fred and Fannie and Donald & Malcolm and Clara at C- Paul has been on the highest tension of excitement all day about Uncle Toms Cabin that is to be given in Cedarville to night – He went to town this Eve – and Uncle Joe went with him to it – and Paul is staying with Uncle Joe to night – Carey H- and Clayton and Jason at Uncle Toms Cabin too. Homer at Pollocks to night – Dick away too – Alex & Nettie at home Mr Mc and I around the lamp – alone.

28" July. Wed. A very nice day. Near noon Clara left in the buggy to take Aunt Mary with her to Clinton Co. to visit Mr Will Hendersons family and attend the Sabina Camp meeting. Talmage [?] is to be there tomorrow – Fred rode with Clara to C- and was there when Mr Mc came along and went with him to Xenia. They came home again in time for supper – Fannie and Nettie

ironing – this afternoon she took Donald & Malcom with her to C- they called at Aunt Bells and were home to supper too. Nettie and I finished the clothes this P.M., ironing. Homer, Carey & Dick and Alex Clayton and Jason bringing in wheat into the barn – Fannie & Donald & Malcom brought Paul home from Uncle Joes. Uncle Joe is not well these days. After supper Homer & Fannie rode down with Fred when he went to tell Aunt Jane and the folks good by. Clayton and Jason at Selma on an errand.

29th July. Thurs. A most beautiful day. Homer, Carey, Alex, Dick, Clayton and Jason in the wheat field. Dick ricking the wheat – This morning Fred and I mad a hasty trip to C- After an early dinner Fred told us good by and Mr Mc and Fannie took him to Springfield – They spent the afternoon in S- and Harlan took them all with him to Adams's to supper – then they all went to the six Oclock train with him he is going to Monmouth and from there to look up something regarding the Wabash road & deal! We surely felt sorry as we always do to see Fred go away – or any of the boys or girls this something that never gets any easier – Some way all this week his going away made me feel burdened – the days and months seem to pass so very swiftly that life does appear to me more serious more earnest than what it ever did before Truly Everything seems to point to eternity. Directly after dinner I left Nettie in charge of the work and I went to the missionary soc. I called to see Della Mc and as I came home I drove past Mr Robt McFarlands home and engaged him to come and take charge of the kitchen next week. Mr Mc and Fannie home after nine. Fannie called to see Mrs S- Charlie is in poor health. The Wren Store closed to day as this was the day of Mrs Ws funeral – Homer at C- with Will Mc Clayton at Selma the Eve –

30th July. Friday. Another beautiful day. Homer and all the force of yesterday at the wheat – Dick doing the ricking – Fannie and Nettie and I busy. This afternoon Mr Mc at Selma to see Mr Conner. Fern [?] Ervin came up on her wheel and was here to dinner This afternoon Aunt Bell and Blanch and Mary here awhile. Aunt Mary and Clara still absent – we will not expect them home until tomorrow. This Eve Fannie went on her wheel to the office and called to see Della Mc. Homer at Pitchin this Eve. This is Nettie's last day – she goes in the morning.

31st July. Sat. Another nice day and we are indeed thankful for it. We hope to have the wheat all in ricks up this evening. We have Mr Conner and McDowel and Newlan's son – and Will Mc at work and all into dinner with Mr Mc, Homer, Clayton & Jason, Alex and Dick. Mr Mc around all day back & forth to the field. Paul went fishing this morning the rest of the day spent with Donald & Malcom – This morning I left Fannie in charge of the dinner and took Nettie and her trunk toa the down train – she has been here for over [blank] months. Fannie is deep into the work to day. The men all stuck to the work until the last sheaf was in the rick – All of the crowd into supper at dark – Late this evening Homer went to town to find if Aunt Mary and Clara had returned from the Sabina Camp meeting but they had not –

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1" Aug. Sabbath. Quite a nice day. Fannie and the children and Dick at house – Clayton Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School. I went down after Aunt Jane – Mr Mc and Homer at church – Mr Mortons text – “Launch out into the deep and let down you net for a draught” We are launch out into the deeps of sin & into the deeps of the Bible. Harlan was at church to day Jim Little came from Chicago Thursday and was at church to day. He and Harlan both came out with us to dinner. This afternoon Paul and I at the Sabbath School. Only four children present—There were two families of Campers near the school house – nine in all. I had them all come in and I tried to teach them the love and power of Jesus. This Eve Homer & Clayton at the prayer meeting – When Harlan went to his home in Springfield Jim L- went down with him to C- [In the page margin the following was written:] Albert Harris [?] that helped us with the whitewashing in the early summer here to dinner to day

2" Aug. Monday. A warm day. Robert McFarland came to us this morning and began a term of work in the kitchen. On last night Clayton's fine horse was killed by lightning – Mr Jessie Marshall and John Kyle were here to appraise it. Uncle Silas was here to dinner – Alex & Carey cutting weeds Uncle Joe came out this A.M. and went back to C- after dinner with Uncle Silas. This afternoon Fannie took Donald to C- and Dr Oglesbee took Donald's tooth out – Homer went with her to town and they came back in time for supper bringing Aunt Mary with them. She and Clara returned from Sabina at noon – Aunt Mary stopped off in C- and Clara came home to dinner. Warner Hamilton around to day and here to dinner. Mrs Holton around awhile. Carey H- here this Eve. What a busy day we have had. Mr Mc & boys at the Warner pasture – Home at Mrs Ps to night.

3" Aug Tues. A beautiful day. We were all up in good time with the exception of Donald & Malcom – Fannie and Aunt Mary put in a full day at Fannies's shirt waists – Uncle Joe came out near noon with Clara and Nora H- when they went to the office. Homer at C- this afternoon on Fannie's wheel – and this Eve at Pitchin. Mr Mc at C- this P.M. – I have not been feeling extra well this A.M. – This afternoon for the first time since Frank Lamont returned from N. Y. the first of July I went over to see her and what was my surprise when I found that she was both dead and buried – She died Sabbath night – the 1st of Aug. Her funeral was held in the Courtsville Church to day and her body layed away in the Blocksome [?] grave yard. How much to regret that I did not get to see Frank When her Mother told now many had come to see Frank I told her I did not care how many came that I was sure that there was not any that loved her more than I did. This Eve Father Clara & Paul Fannie and Donald and Malcom took Aunt Mary down in the carriage – Robt put in a faithful day at the work. Alex & Carey cutting weeds.

4" Aug. Wed. Quite a little thunder shower last night – Alex & Carey cutting weeds. Fannie finishing off her waists Clara sweeping and helping Robt and I with the ironing. Uncle Joe is in the garden – After dinner it blowed and lightened a good deal but finally past without rain. Donald & Malcom and Paul playing This afternoon all of the children called. Alex & Carey

getting in hay. Mr Mc at Warner pasture. Late this A.M. – Homer & Fannie left for Yellow Springs – They stopped at Aunt Jennetts for lunch as they past – They spent the evening with Mrs Corrie at the Springs – when they past through C- as they went over Fannie called to see Mary McWilliams – They did not reach home until after nine Oclock – Clayton and Jason at C- this evening. Mrs Holton took Harley to the Drs. this Eve.

5" Aug. Thurs. Mr Dan'l Dean & Son called to see Mr Mc this morning. Mr Clemens, the late Banker called. Homer and Clara drove out to Springfield – After an early dinner Mr Mc left for Xenia – Fannie around all A.M. – and up until three Oclock when she left for town on her wheel. Paul & Donald and Malcom in the yard all day playing – the Holton children here this P.M. Carey & Alex cutting weeds. Fannie did not get home until after dark She made a long call with Della – and was going to call on Prof McChesneys but found them at Mr Mortons. Clara did not get home until after dark – She took dinner at Mrs Stuarts – and in the evening Jim Little rode down with her to C- and Homer came past Pitchin on MacKenzie's wheel – he had it shipped to S- to Harlan – Fannie took supper with Aunt Mary and as Clara came home she stopped there too and had a lunch.

6" Aug. Friday. A cool day considering what we have had. This morning Homer went out on McKenzie's wheel to C- an hour later Fannie went on her wheel to do an errand – she called to speak at Orrs – She & Homer remained in town until noon and took dinner at Aunt Bells & Uncle Ervins. In the afternoon Blanch came out with them and stayed until after tea – This Eve Homer rode with Alvie Orr to Selma – Mr Mc and I at C- only stopped a few minutes – and were soon home again. Warner Hamilton around this P.M. – on a final settlement. Clayton and Jason at Selma to night. Fannie & Clara by the camp – all the children retired early.

7" Aug Sat. A lovely day. At an early hour this morning Homer and Fannie left for Wilmington to see Aunt Mary E – They had planned to go on their wheels but later exchanged for the buggy. Mr Mc around home and up & down the road & around all day. Paul and Donald and Malcom & Jason with him part of the time. This morning Clayton took Carey W. Holton to Springfield. Clara and I have been busy putting things in order. Robb busy in the kitchen. This Eve Clara and Donald took Uncle Joe down home. Homer and Fannie returned about ten – Clayton & Carey came after dark. Will Mc on the stile chatting awhile this Eve. Mr Robert H. McClellen died last night. Homer and Fannie report a pleasant day with Aunt Mary E.

8" Aug. Sabb. A beautiful day. Clayton at home with Paul and Donald and Malcom. Robb in charge of the kitchen. Alex around. Homer and Clara and Jason and I at Sabbath School. Aunt Jane not feeling well and did not come when I drove down for her. Mr Mc and Fannie at church. Mr Mortons text. "And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the store houses, and sold unto the Egyptians" Aunt Mary came home with us from church – and went with Clayton and Jason and Paul and me to the Sabbath School at three Oclock at the School house – we had only ten in all – but a very interesting meeting. Aunt Mary

went to the young folks meeting with Clara, Clayton and Jason – We had a lunch for all before she went away. Robb went over home this P.M.

9th Aug. Monday. A nice day. Fannie and the boys around. Will Mc and Clayton or I mean Jason went out to Uncle Bighams for berries – Clara at C- this morning and brought Uncle Joe out – Homer rode down on McKenzie's wheel and was home at noon. Robb & Fannie and I busy. This P.M. – Sarah Hagg [?] and [illegible] and her children here to see Fannie. Clayton & Alex at Walkers helping with the thrashing – Mr Mc & Paul there to have a few loads of [illegible] thrashed – all were here for supper. Robbie P- here this P.M. He and Homer went to Charleston on wheels – were home in good time – Robbie here for tea – after tea Homer at Pitchin. This afternoon Fannie & Donald and Malcom and I and Aunt Bell took tea with Aunt Mary and we drove down to the Cemetery to visit my Mothers and Fannies grandmother and Donald and Malcoms great grandmother Murdocks grave – we were in the Cemetery quite a little while – “He giveth his beloved sleep” –

“Out yonder wherein God's acre his
the angels are walking to and fro
Singing their lullabies
Sleep, oh Sleep
The Shepherd guardeth his Sheep,
Fast feedeth the night away,
Soon cometh the glorious day
Sleep weary ones while you may.
Sleep, oh; Sleep”

As we came through C- met Edd Armstrong – He came down from London to Robt McClellans funeral this P.M. Fannie called to see Della as we past down – all at home this Eve but Homer. We rec'd a letter from Fred he is at Iowa.

10th Aug. Tues. A nice day. This A.M. early I left for Xenia and took Aunt Jane We were in Xenia until near one Oclock – I was tired when I reached C- took a nap at Aunt Marys and had dinner and came home. I called at Dellas as I came past and reached home in time for supper. Mr Mc at C- this morning to see Bird – Homer at Pollocks to night. Mr Edd Armstrong and Mr Whitely called here to day. Also Prof McChesney and Prof Jurkat.

11th Aug. Wed. Quite a beautiful day. Homer & Donald left this A.M. for Springfield to meet Mr MacKenzie – He has visited for a week at [blank] & has to leave for here this evening. Uncle Joe around as usual Clayton at C- this A.M. for cart. Nora H- here and helped with the ironing until noon – Clara and I both busy & Fannie & Robb also Mr Mc at Selma – This afternoon Mr & Mrs Morton called – so also did Mr & Mrs Warnock – Uncle Silas here making a “noisy” speech. Alex on the [illegible]. Carey & boys hauling manure to day. Robb busy all day long. Homer and Mr MacKenzie & Donald arrived in time for a six Oclock supper – After supper Homer at Pitchin. Clayton and Jason at C- on an errand. After the children retired Mr MacKenzie and

father & Fannie and Clara and I in the parlor awhile – chatting – Everything very pleasant – The evening beautiful.

12" Aug. Thurs. Most a beautiful day. Homer took Fannie and Donald & Malcom to C- Mr MacKenzie rode down on his wheel – and met the folks there – he took Dojald to Dr. Oglesbees office and had another tooth extracted – he cried all of last night with the tooth ache – They all returned in time for dinner. This afternoon Clayton and Jason and Clara attended the C.E. picnic of our church at River Side – Aunt Mary and Fannie went over to the Y. Springs – Jason rode with them to the picnic grounds. Mr MacKenzie and Homer left on their wheels for Springfield but when they got as far as Clifton Homers wheel failed him and they went to the picnic grounds – there for supper – Aunt Mary took tea with Mrs Judy [?] – and Fannie with Mrs Currie of the Y. Springs. Fannie brought Aunt Mary home with her & Homer to stay while Mr Mc and I attend Urbana Camp meeting tomorrow – Clara Clayton & Jason still absent – They are spending the evening at the grounds and on the road home. Mr MacKenzie came in on his wheel long ago. This afternoon Walter called and went with Mr Mc to Charleston. Alex on the sick list – Carey serving alone – Nora H- along with Paul and Donald & Malcom all afternoon – fishing. Uncle Joe around. This is another beautiful day. I will leave Aunt Mary to write in this book for tomorrow if we go to the meeting. This A.M. Carey & Jason helping Peter Morgan with the thrashing.

13" Aug. Friday. I came back from Urbana to find this book untouched – On this morning Mr Mc and I left for Urbana Camp meeting – We reached there for the ten Oclock meeting – Dr Wilber Chapman preached his text – and – “behold waters issued out from under the threshold of the house east ward.” When we give our selves to God – Surrender our self to him we do no longer belong to our selves but to God – let us surrender to God and he will turn us whithersoever he will – After the sermon Mr Mc and I went to Mr and Mrs Kemps to dinner They both gave us a hearty welcome. Mr and Mrs Straley from Columbus and Dr Chapman and his singer [?] Prof Bill Horn and Mr Reid from Columbus, & singer [?] and he M. E. minister and his wife from Urbana – and a young convert from London were all there for dinner – They still have the same colored cook and have everything running so nicely. At one Oclock we went to the Auditorium and heard Dr Chapman again – see – “that we rec the full reward.” When God changes a life he does not send them away to do some great work – but back to their place on the farm or the college or the store or the kitchen to live a sweet gentle loving life We are witnesses for God and when the world sees our life – they say how changed – how beautiful They take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus. After preaching Mr Mc and I attended the childrens meeting & went back to bro Kemps to supper – Reid from Columbus & Mr & Mrs Straley and the young London convert there – After supper we assembled in the front room for prayer meeting it was led by bro Reid – He read the 91 Psalm – the house full – Mrs Pancake Hudson gave us a talk – Some of us went to the front seat for higher consecration – It was a blessed hour. At seven Oclock we went to the Auditorium and had a sermon by Dr Chapman – text – The Lord hath put away thy sins “He cast them behind his back and remembers them no more – there were some who went to the front this evening on behalf of a

son or a daughter – The evening beautiful – the moon shone down in all its glory upon the “old camp grounds”

Now I shall go back home to record the doings of this Friday 13th Aug. After Mr Mc and I got away – Mr MacKenzie and Homer & Donald Malcolm & Paul went to C- and Jim Little came out with them – they came home past Clifton for Fannies wheel. In the afternoon Mr MacKenzie and Fannie went to town – Aunt Mary here helping Clara & Robb along with their work – In the evening Homer went on Mr MacKenzies wheel to Pitchin – And Clayton & Charly Galbreath went to Jamestown to call on Miss Davis and her friend. Clara had some friends here from Springfield – they came on their wheels – all excepting Harlan and Miss Vine Stoner – Messers Slaten – Arbogast – Leclair and Burton – And Sara & Maggie Stuart Mame Canfield and Sue Stirling. Jennie Morton and Blanch & Mary Ervin were also here – They had a beautiful lunch – and a pleasant evening. Alex & Carey went on with their manure hauling. Uncle Joe around to day and this Eve. Aunt Mary & Jim Little still here to night.

14th Aug. Sat. A beautiful day. Mr McKenzie and Homer took Aunt Mary & Jim Little home this morning. Fannie & Clara & Robert very busy all day. This afternoon Mr MacKenzie and Homer left for Springfield. In the evening Fannie & Clara & Paul and Donald and Malcolm took Uncle Joe home. Mr Mc and I did not get back from the Camp meeting until after dark. We had a pleasant day surely – This morning I attended the sunrise prayer meeting at the Auditorium It was led by Mr Reed. At eight O'clock we attended a musical praise service at the auditorium and at ten O'clock – We heard Dr Chapmans farewell discourse. On these words “what manner of persons ought we to be” It is something to think what high ideas God has for his children. God calls us Saints. A saint is a separated one. Some one said – “What you are sounds so loud in my ears that I cannot hear what you say. God loves us in our shortcomings and weakness – God always takes our part against sin. No matter what our besetting sin is God will help us to overcome. It does not matter how weak we are when we couple it with Gods strength who can or what can hurt us. No matter what our sin or weakness is when we give it to Christ it becomes strength After preaching we went back to Mr Kemps to dinner and we remained until the afternoon prayer meeting – Mr Reed led again in the Singing. After good by to all Mr Mc and I left for home – we made a short stop in Springfield – Mr MacKenzie and Homer were in with Harlan at Mr Carsons – We had a lunch and stopped to picnic in the woods near S- Dr Leonard was to preach at the Camp meeting this P.M. -- & tomorrow – we were sorry to miss hearing him. When we reached home all was well – Mr MacKenzie took supper in S- They reached home after nine.

15th Aug. Sabb. Another nice day. Clara & Jason at home with Donald and Malcolm. Robb here and Alex also. Clayton & Paul and I at Sabbath School and church – I went down after Aunt Jane. Mr Mc and Homer & Fannie and Mr MacKenzie at church – Mr Mortons text “I am come that you might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” Robb had dinner all ready when we came home. This afternoon Paul and I went to the schoolhouse to Sabbath School. Paul went there early to ring the Bell Mrs Holton there to day for the first – We had nine or ten in all – This Eve Mr MacKenzie went with Homer Clara and Clayton to the young

folks meeting Just as they were driving in for home there came up quite a little storm – they barely escaped. I read to Paul this afternoon.

16" Aug. Monday. Rain last night – Carey & Alex hauling manure. Homer at C- this A.M. – home in time for dinner – Mr MacKenzie made the trip on his wheel in 36 minutes all home in time for dinner Uncle Joe came out with Homer near noon. This afternoon Fannie and Mr MacKenzie left on their wheels – they called at Dellas – and at Mr Hutchisons to see Mr Hutchison and James – and took tea at Aunt Bells. They also called at Uncle Silas's to invite them here to tea on Wednesday Evening. Clara and Uncle Joe and Donald took the clothes to Mrs P- and brought Mr MacKenzie and Fannie home – They had a pouring rain in C- and left their wheels there. Clayton & Jason at Selma to invite Prof Weaver [?] to tea Wed Eve. Homer at his resort – Pitchin. Mr Mc and Jason around with the sheep. Donald & Malcolm & Paul around in my care. I took charge of Aunt Janes washing for the first day. Alex & Carey hauling manure. Robb busy as usual.

17" Aug Tues. Quite a beautiful day – It has been a little cool – Clayton at C- this morning with wood for Aunt Jane. Homer took Mr MacKenzie to town this morning as he wished to make some calls on his wheel. Clara went along to go with Blanch & Mary & Jennie M- to River Side to [blank] Barn raising – Mr Mc and Fannie & Homer left for the same place – later on Clayton and Jason proceeded to bring up the rear They had dinner here – a [illegible] man in to dinner too That is Clayton & Jason had. Carey & Alex busy repairing fence – This afternoon they went to Charley Barbers barn raising – Nora & Mary Holton here with Paul & Donald & Malcolm while Uncle and Joe and I called at Dellas – Uncle Joe at C- too. Della still wearing away. We made but a short stay. Robb busy to day. Lidi Torrence staying with Sallie Della – Father and Clara returned from the picnic at dark – The boys came later. Mr MacKenzie met Fannie in C- this morning and they went over to River Side on their wheels. Mr Morton rode over with Mr Mc to the grounds & Fern Ervin came back with him to town. This Eve Mr MacKenzie and Fannie took tea at Mr Warnocks – did not get home until ten – The boys all asleep when they came.

18" Aug. Wed. Cloudy part of the day but pleasant this evening. Mr MacKenzie was sick last night and on the sick list this morning – he and Fannie were invited to Edd Stormonts to dinner but Mr MacKenzie remained at home and Homer went with Fannie in his place – Mr MacKenzie & Donald and Malcolm around – Clara & Robb and I quite busy. This afternoon Uncle Joe & Jason at town. Homer & Fannie home at four. Mr White of Clifton and his bro from South Carolina called this afternoon Mr Mc and I had a pleasant hour with them. A colored bro from Clifton also called to solicit help for their church – This Eve we entertained Prof Weaver and his wife and daughter Florence of Selma & Prof McChesney & wife – and Cora Blair and Uncle Silas and Aunt Mollie and Ralph and Ina & Jennie. Mr Mc and Fannie and boys with us. After supper Homer at Pitchin – Mrs Holton here an hour to help Robert. Clayton and Jason & Paul with us – Altogether we had a nice evening.

19" Aug. Thurs. A beautiful day. I forgot to "note" that Mr Frank Wright was buried on Monday. He was formerly of this locality. Mr MacKenzie and Fannie and Clara and Donald &

Malcolm left for Springfield to spend the day with Mrs Stuart and family. Mr Mc & Clayton and Paul left for Xenia Fair. On last night Jason went home with Uncle Silas's. Our family quite small here to day. Alex & Carey building fence on the other road yesterday and to day. Uncle Joe around – Robb busy as usual. This morning Homer rode MacKenzie's wheel to C- and left it with Aunt Mary – and went on the train to Dayton to see Byron King who is holding forth there this week. At two O'clock I attended the W.C.T.U. meeting at Aunt Bells. Alice S- there with Mrs Brotherton. I led the meeting – "Men always ought to pray and not faint" was the subject – I followed the advise given me by a good sister at Camp meeting – to use the strength that God has given us – and we will Rec more – and in that way will be enabled to go forward – higher and higher. After the meeting I stayed with Aunt Mary to tea. I met Jim Little in C- he came home with me – We drove in past Mrs Conleys and walked over [illegible] with her. Mr Mc and Clayton and Paul did not get home until after dark – Mr MacKenzie & Fannie & co did not get back until after ten – They had a pleasant day in C- [illegible] all and all had retired when they came. I was only here to see them. We miss Homer & Jason to night.

20" Aug. Friday. I have had a very sick day one of my bilious attacks the first I have had since May. Mr MacKenzie & Jim L- and Fannie and the boys around – Mr Mc at C- and did not get home until after dinner – Mrs Holton here helping Fannie and Clara with the ironing this P.M. – About three O'clock Mr MacKenzie and Fannie took Jay [?] Little home – Homer came in on the five O'clock train from Dayton and ride out with Fannie. Mr MacKenzie came on his wheel – Jim Mitchel here on a trade this A.M. After supper Clayton and Homer at C- on an errand. Mr MacKenzie and Fannie & Jim L- called to see Della.

21" Aug. Sat – A lovely day – I am feeling much recovered this morning. All up in good time Homer and Mr MacKenzie went to the eight O'clock train to meet Prof Byron King of the School of Oratory of Pittsburg. He came in on the eight O'clock train from Dayton – We surely had a pleasant time with him this A.M. Near noon Mr Fred Smith of Xenia came and was here to dinner too. Directly after dinner he (King) and Homer and Mr MacKenzie left for River Side to fish – they took a lunch with them to supper in the woods. We have been busy here. Alex & Uncle Joe & Carey making wire fence. Mr Mc around all day. Clayton at the B-shop in C- this P.M. This Eve Clayton took Uncle Joe home. Mr Mc and Fannie in C- on an errand. Prof King & Mr MacKenzie returned after dark – we prepared coffee and set them out a lunch. Jim Little went with them this afternoon – what a busy day we have had. Everything in readiness for tomorrow.

22" Aug. Sabbath. Much as we are opposed to Sabbath travel Homer took Prof King to the eight O'clock train to find they were too late – they returned and King dressed himself and went with Homer and Mr MacKenzie and Fannie in the Surrie to church. By the way Jason returned from Uncle Silas's last night – after a few days stay – he and Clayton and Clara at church & Sabbath School. Mr Mc & I at church too. Mr MacKenzie's [Transcriber note: Reminder that he is Fannie's husband and they and children Donald and Malcolm are visiting from New York where he is a pastor] text " And beholding the man that was healed standing with them they

could say nothing against it. The lame man and what to do with him is the problem of the ages. The only salvation and perfect cure is the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. After preaching Aunt Mary came home with us – Harlan came down to church and she rode out with him. Robb surely had a nice dinner prepared – This afternoon Prof King gave us a Bible reading in the parlor – Mary & Nora H- kept Paul & Donald and Malcolm for us to day. This afternoon at three O'clock Paul and I at the School house at Sabbath School. This has certainly been a grand day in our lives. Now when we think of what has been given us What manner of persons should we be – Better & better – higher and higher all the time – I think. This Eve sprinkling rain. Clara and Jason and Aunt Mary went down to Rev Tuffs Union services at the Opera house – Homer took Prof King down he would have given them a Bible reading but his time was short he left on the five O'clock train to Columbus. We were sorry that one of the grandest men of the age should break every one of the commandments. Clayton and Jason waited for the meeting at our church. Homer came home with Clara – After our lunch Harlan went to his home in Springfield.

23" Aug Monday. A pleasant day. Mr MacKenzie went on his wheel to Mr John Collins this morning – home again at noon – Fannie at town this morning and Uncle Joe came out with them. Mr Mc around all morning – by the way we had a shower this morning. Aunt Jane came out with Fannie too. Uncle Bigham and Aunt Jennette here with us to dinner. This afternoon Ada Creswell came – it is still damp She spent most of the afternoon with Fannie and finally remained for tea with Mr MacKenzie and the rest of us. Homer at town this P.M. to see Prof McChesney. After supper Fannie rode down to town with Ada C- and stayed with Aunt Bell and Aunt Mary until Clayton went down with the clothes and returned with him. Homer at Pitchin. Mr MacKenzie with his book by the lamp – Mr Mc with his paper & Donald Malcolm and Paul had quite a time out & in the rain. Clara around all day. So were Clayton & Jason. Robb busy.

24" August. Tuesday. Quite a nice day. This morning I left at an early hour to canvas for the Bible Society. I took Paul to open the gates and when down at Aunt Betsys old home at [illegible] Paul backed backed on their buggy when I left him in charge of the horse and broke out seven of the spokes of the wheel out Such is life – I told them we would be responsible for it. I made several calls on both ends of the road – was only sorry I did not have more time – it is good way to come in contact with the poor tenants and help them to a better life. When I came back Mr MacKenzie Fannie and Donald and Malcolm and Homer and Clara went to Aunt Mary Murdocks to dinner. In the afternoon Mr Mc and I attended the Bible Society at our church. The address given by Rev [illegible] pastor of the Presbyterian church in Clifton Rev John Kendall was there and made some remarks. I am sorry there is such a falling off in the audience and in the contributions – After the meeting Mr Mc and I at Aunt Marys – we called on Prof McMillan and wife & Jim Harveys – we met his mother and her grandson John [illegible] there – they expect to go back to Monmouth this week. Mr MacKenzie and Fannie called to see them this afternoon – Mr MacKenzie and Clara went on their wheels this morning and returned on them this Eve. A letter from Fred arranging for Clara at Monmouth this year. After supper in the face of rain thunder and lightning we left for Walter Murdocks. Nellie Condons wedding

– there were all the Uncles & Aunts present – Rev Warwick performed the ceremony assisted by Rev Morton – Although there was a storm without all was bright and cheery within. Aunt Bell and Aunt Mary there. When we went to C- we stopped & chatted with Prof McMillans – All seeing a mist right now. When we reached home Fannie and Clara were still up – Walter & Nellie and her mother seemed truly pleased with Mr MacKenzie and Fannies nice present. We all wish Walter & Nellie a long happy & blessed life.

25th Aug. Wednesday. A pleasant day. Mr MacKenzie and Fannie and Donald and Malcolm left for Mr John Collins's to spend the day. Homer at C- this A.M. on an errand – and again this afternoon – he brought up quite a number of books that belonged to his Uncle P. R. McMillan, Gavin Riley, who died the 9th of January 1865 – He was only two or three weeks past forty years of age when he died. Robert and Clara busy all day. This afternoon Jessie Henderson and her friend from Sabina Clinton Co. arrived and were here to tea and with us to night – when we were at the table the folks returned from Mr Collins's – and Mr MacKenzie and all joined us at the table. After tea Homer left for Pitchin. Clayton and Jason at town this eve – This afternoon Paul walked to the village and back with Nora and Mary Holton by way of variety. Mr Mc at Selma this P. M. Uncle Joe busy. Carey cutting weed or plowing [illegible]

26th Aug. Thursday. A nice day. This morning Mr Mc and Clara and Jessie Henderson and Edith Plymire & Mr MacKenzie and Homer left for the Springfield fair – I left Mary Holton ironing and went on a hasty trip to town – I called to see Prof McMillan and Mrs – and came direct home – Fannie went on her wheel to see them once more – they left Cedarville at noon – When I came home I found Paul & Donald and Malcolm enjoying them selves Alex began helping Carey with the plowing – Robert at his work – This afternoon Uncle Joe at C- I rode down with him and attended the W. Missionary Society – I led the meeting – I promised some of the dear sisters at the Urbana Camp meeting that I would use the power that God gave me – in that way I could look for greater power – We surely had a nice meeting. After the meeting Uncle Joe drove around and we came direct home. We called at the play house at Holtons for Paul and Donald and Malcolm – Clayton and Charlie Galbreath at a picnic at Jamestown. Jason done fine work, in point of faithfulness, spreading manure back of the old barn. The folks did not get home until after dark. We had coffee and a lunch for them. At one O'clock to day Sallie Confer died. She was one of the faithful ones.

27th Aug. Friday. A pleasant day indeed. Homer at town this A.M. home at noon. This morning Jessie H- and Edith Plymire went to Mr James Hendersons to dinner. Mr MacKenzie and Fannie went on their wheels to Aunt Jennetts to dinner and in the afternoon went over to River Side to meet our folks and the other folks at a little picnic Homer took his friend from Pitchin I took Clara in the carriage to Hendersons and Jessie and Edith P- went with her to River Side – I took Jessie's horse and buggy and drove to C- I called to see Mr Morton about College interests – I took tea with Aunt Mary and came home – Nora & Mary Holton left Paul Donald and Malcolm at their place at their playhouse – Mr Mc around home all day. Uncle Joe around Robb busy. Alex & Carey plowing Clayton & Jason around – Clayton was hauling corn

from Johnstons I think. Mr MacKenzie & Fannie returned early – the rest of the folks later. Harlan came at the last hour to be ready to go with the folks to Wilmington tomorrow.

28" Aug Sat. A lovely day. Mr Mc and Harlan Mr MacKenzie and Fannie left for Wilmington a few minutes after seven this morning. Blanch returned with Clara and the girls last night and was here all night – and went with Jessie and Edith P- as far as C- when they went home – They hoped to reach there by noon. I put out a washing this A.M. – Robb in the kitchen Clara putting the rooms up stairs in order. At two O'clock Uncle Joe and I attended Sallie Confers funeral – we went to the cemetery – I stopped in with Aunt Mary to discuss College items – A man from Clinton Co – here for supper. Homer at C- this A.M. and this evening he took Robb down to C- Clara took Paul & Donald and Malcolm down for a ride and Blanch Ervin came out with them & is here to night Clayton & Jason at Selma – Alex and Carey finished plowing at noon. Mr Mc and co returned from Wilmington a little after ten. They had a fine dinner & supper and a fine time generally.

29" Aug Sabb. A lovely day. Homer & Clayton and Paul at Sabbath School. Homer did not go into class. I took Blanch down home. Rev John Randal preached – text "Showing himself between the lattice." Harlan and Mr Mc and Mr MacKenzie and Fannie at church – Robert & Clara Jason at home with Donald & Malcolm Aunt Mary and James Little came home with us from church. This afternoon Paul and I at the Sabbath School – Only four schollars [sic.] to day – but no need to feel discouraged. Clayton & Clara at the young folks meeting Aunt Mary went down home at the same time and James Little also. After lunch Harlan went back to his home in Springfield. This is our last Sabbath day together we must try to drive the unbidden sadness away by being thankful for having enjoyed so much in the last two months.

30" Aug. Monday. Another bright day – Homer at C- on the wheel this morning and invited Mr & Mrs Morton & Jennie out to dinner Aunt Bell and Blanch and Mary & Fern here to dinner this P.M. – Mr MacKenzie and the girls at Mr Spensers watermelon patch – Aunt Mary & Aunt Bell remained for supper and they rode down with Fannie after supper – Mr Mortons & the girls went home earlier. Clayton at C- this P.M. getting the horses shod – Clayton at Jamestown with Charlie P- Homer at Pitchin for a change. Mr MacKenzie and Clara at C- on their wheels – Uncle Joe came out with Fannie Donald & Malcolm & Paul retired early. John Kyle stopped in.

31" Aug. Tuesday. A beautiful day. Homer at C- this morning and brought Aunt Jane out. Mr Mc around all A.M. Clayton hauling on the roads & Carey Alex hauling manure Uncle Joe around. Mr MacKenzie and Fannie and the children here – Clara busy. This afternoon she and Homer at Springfield. Mr MacKenzie and Fannie and the boys at Oscar Bradfute to call – Aunt Jane went with them and stopped off at C- Aunt Jennette & Matt drove up this morning and made a brief call – Mr MacKenzie & co remained with Mrs Bradfute to tea – Mr B- at the State fair. As they came home they stopped at Mr Mortons and told them good by – When they reached home Walter Murdock and Nellie were here waiting to see them. Homer & Clara were back from Springfield while they were here. This is the last day of August and the last day for the folks at home O how we will miss them –

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1" Sept – Wednesday. What a busy day this has been – Alex at Kyles at the machine – Carey at – Kyles too – Clayton at Will Mc s helping with the clover this P.M. – Jason there awhile too. Uncle Joe around home. Homer at C- this morning. When he came back he took Fannie to Della's to tell her good bye. Aunt Bell and the girls and Aunt Mary came up to see Fannie again. About ten Oclock Mr MacKenzie told us all good bye and left on his wheel for Springfield. Aunt Bell and the girls went back home – and Aunt Mary stayed. After an early dinner Fannie and Donald and Malcolm left us. Mr Mc and Clara went with them to Springfield – Homer took her trunk & wheel up on the express. O how lonely it seems since Fannie and her boys are gone – Her room looks like all was gone – but then how thankful we should be that she was permitted to come was able to come – think of those in missionary fields in foreign lands – no home coming to them but have given up friends & land and all – Let us look upon the bright side of the picture and go forward and hope to the end. At half past two Aunt Mary and I went down to the College prayer meeting at our church – It was a rally for more students & power [?] I must help to do something to fill the vacancy if Clara goes to Monmouth next week – I mean to write to Jessie Henderson & Aimee [?] Bell Murdock in the morning. After the meeting Aunt Mary and I drove to Whitelaw Reids home to see Will Conley – It had the appearance of a storm and I came from there direct home. This Eve Clayton & Robert at C- The folks did not get back from Springfield until long after dark. And so another busy day is ended – I am weary – and tired and – lonely. Maggie Reid of Cincinnati died to day at noon very suddenly.

2" Sept. Thurs. A lovely day. Clara invited to take dinner at Mr Mortons along with the Ward boys – Homer took her down and returned when the mail came in bringing Jim Little with him. Mr Mc around home all A.M. – Some few of the sheep died with the "pale disease this week – After dinner Homer took Johannes Little to the watermellon patch and back to town and brought Clara home with him They have gone to Miss Mary Rs to night to meet some friends – Clayton & Jason at Spensers for watermellons – Mr Mc at Charleston this eve – Carey & Alex at Kyles yesterday P.M. – and this afternoon – Uncle Joe busy. Robert busy all day long. Aunt Mary Walker buried to day – her remains layed away in the Old Yorktown Cemetery in Ind. She was [blank] years old.

3" Sept – Friday. A beautiful day. We had Mrs Dallas & Mrs Ramsey and daughter and Walter Murdock and Nellie and Aunt Mary and Jennie Morton & Charlie & Howard Ward of Pittsburg and Clarence [?] Young [?] and Rev John Kendal & sister of [illegible] PA here to dinner – Blanch & Mary & Mr & Mrs Oliver Anderson & Gertrude were also invited but were not here – This evening Mrs Dallas & Rev John Kendal and [illegible] and Jennie Morton and Aunt Mary here to tea. Directly after tea Clayton left with Clara for Springfield – She will stay there to night to be ready for the dressmaker in the morning. Homer left for Pitchin to visit the encampment near Selma this evening. Five hundred of the U. S. Soldiers passed here this morning. Jason took Aunt Mary & Jennie Morton down home. Mr Mc around with the company to day – Alex & Uncle Joe hauling manure – Carey hauling gravel. Robert has been on the fly all day. This will

be our last "public dinner" the summer house closed to day. Now we will retire and try to keep the corners of our home & plantation. We had a very enjoyable day to day indeed.

4" Sept Sat. Most a lovely day. Homer at the office this A.M. – home to dinner and returned to the afternoon mail this P.M. Uncle Joe in bed all A.M. – Alex finished hauling the manure from every known place around these premises at noon to day. The boys busy. The Schools open Monday & the Colleges Wednesday of next week – Walter Murdock around to day – he was here to dinner. Uncle Joe went home with him this P.M. This Eve Clayton and Carey & Robert at C- Mr Mc around home all day. Mr Olan Matthews called this Eve They expect to move to Mr Amos Creswell on Monday. We were thinking Harlan would bring Clara home this eve but they have not come yet.

5" Sept. Sabbath. Most a lovely day – most beautiful indeed. Clayton and Jason and I at Sabbath School. Homer rode down to church with us. I went down for Aunt Jane. Paul at home to day with Robert & Alex. Mr Mc at church. Harlan & Clara came from Springfield this morning. Rev Dr Joseph Kyle of Alleghany (my old school mate, preached to day. The Subject – God has provided a sacrifice Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." Robert had dinner ready when we came – he went over to see his Mother this afternoon. At three Paul and I at Sabbath School. There were three persons that are moving & were camping near the School house came in – there were twelve Sabbath School children there besides – we had a nice meeting I gave them a talk on the 1 chap of First John. What a beautiful day this has been. Clayton and Jason at the young folks meeting Clara rode down with Harlan as he went to his home in Springfield – they called in at Sallie and Daves to see Della – she is in bed all the time now. Clara & Clayton and Jason reached home about dark.

6" Sept. Monday. Another bright beautiful day. Our School opened at the School house to day Miss Wylie teacher – Holtons girls called for Paul – he went off in fine spirits. This morning Clayton and Jason went to the opening of the High School in Selma – Prof [illegible] teacher – this labor day – their school dismissed at noon – they came home past Worley & Mr Moorman called this afternoon to ask for hogs to be taken to Charleston in the morning. I went to C- and brought Uncle Joe out – Clayton took the clothes this Eve and Paul went to get a 1" Reader – Mr Mc & Homer home at dark. Clara washed & ironed to day. Robert busy. Alex & Carey busy. We bought a rustic Rocking chair to day. Mr Olan Matthews called this morning. Mr Jas Kyle buried to day. Mr Mc and Homer home at dark – after supper and at a late hour they left for Charleston to see Mr Moorman to make arrangements for tomorrow.

7" Sept. Tuesday. Another beautiful day. Our hogs were taken to Selma this morning Homer Will Mc Dick Donovan[?] & in the procession the [illegible] hogs – at four etc. Mrs H- repairing dresses for Clara – Directly after dinner Mr Mc and Clara left for Springfield Homer at C- Clayton and Jason at Selma School – Paul at our school – Uncle Joe around all P.M. – Carey & Alex – harrowing. Robert and I busy. This evening Homer at Pitchin. Clayton and Jason at C- We must have a change in this night going. Carey called this Eve. Mr Mc and Clara did not get home until after dark.

8" Sept Wed. Another bright day. All up at an early hour – Homer took Clara down to tell the folks good by – she stopped in to tell Della good by. Homer helped her about her packing trunk. The Cedarville College opened this morning but Homer could not remain for it. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School and came down to dinner. Directly after dinner father and I left with Clara and her trunk for Springfield – it was very warm and dusty. Harlan came around about half an hour before train time to see her off – Dr. Starr's [?] daughter of Springfield went with her. The train moved out from S- a little after four – they expect to reach Monmouth about ten tomorrow morning and start into College in the afternoon or have their names enrolled. We called at Mrs Stuarts – Mrs S- and Sadie went around with us in the carriage a little while – We had a nice drive home – When we came part home of the family were in bed and part not home – Homer took supper at Aunt Bells and spent the evening at Pollocks. Clayton at Stanleys with Robert – When we came home this eve without Clara it made us feel very lonely. When Fred graduated last year we thought we were through with Monmouth College – how little we dreamed of Clara ever being there – or any of our family but all things are possible – We can not tell or know what is for any of us.

9" Sept Wed. Another beautiful day. Homer at C- this morning and home again at noon. This afternoon he & some of the Pitchin friends were at River Side. Clayton & Charlie P- at the street fair in Jamestown. Jason at Selma School alone Paul at our School – Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around all day. Alex patching the roofs. Carey around. Robert and I busy.

10" Sept. Friday. Another beautiful day. After an early dinner Mr Mc & Homer left for Xenia – Alex at the roofs and picking the grapes. Carey left for Pike Co at noon & Clayton and Jason at Selma School – Paul at our School – This P.M. Uncle Joe at C- Mr Fred Smith here this P.M. – Set in the Estey Organ – remained for supper – I chatted awhile with Mr Mc after he remained and gave us some music – Homer stopped off in C- and will stay at Aunt Marys to night.

11" Sept. Saturday. Most a beautiful day – not withstanding the heat & dust. This is the day of the "Covenanter Picnic." Uncle Joe would not consent to go – He and Robert & Alex holding forth at home. Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and Paul and I there – Homer was there too – We took Nora and Mary Holton with us – to give them a bright day. This picnic was held in Uncle Silas's woods. We had a nice dinner and a nice time generally. The Xenia paper announces the marriage io Will McMillan of Xenia & a Mrs Anna Farnsworth Good – It was quite a surprise to his friends. Robert had supper ready when we came home this Eve Clayton & Robert took Uncle Joe home – and Homer who was still in the village came home with them. This sums up another busy week.

12" Sept. Sabbath. Another bright day. Very dry & dusty. Harlan came home last night and awakened up here this morning. Clayton & Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School – I went down for Aunt Jane – Mr Mc & Harlan & Homer at church – Mr Mortons text – "You hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins." Robert & Alex here alone to day. This afternoon Paul and I up at the Sabbath School – We had about fifteen schollars [sic.]. The Lesson to day was the 12 chap of Romans. "Christian Living." This Eve Clayton and Jason at the

young folks meeting. Father & Homer at the U. P. Church hearing Dr H. H. George on National Reform – As Harlan went back to his home in Springfield I rode with him down to town and went into the U. P. Church and heard Dr George through – One remark he made was this “I believe in a religion that lifts a man from the pit and keeps him every step of the way until it places him in glory.” Homer stayed at Aunt Marys to night again – And I came home with Mr Mc. Clayton & Jason & Paul were asleep when we came home.

13” Sept. Monday. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Near noon Mr Mc went to C- and brought Uncle Joe and Homer out – This afternoon Walter & Ralph called. Homer went by way of C- to Springfield to see [illegible] – and came home by Pitchin – The word came that Della McMillan is getting much worse. Mr Mc and I went down to see her. Lide Torrence came on the four Oclock train from Loveland to wait on her & be with the family Father and I took the clothes to Mrs P- and came direct home. Clayton & Jason [illegible] Selma to see the Soldiers after School hours – did not get home until late – After supper Clayton at C- We are having another late night to night – being gathered in.

14” Sept. Tuesday. Another warm dusty day. A railroad man here to see Mr Mc They finally drove down to town. Homer took me down to the hall to the county W. C. T. U. Mrs Judy of the Springs is President of the Co. Mr Mc went back home and Homer stayed in C- with Scarff. Took dinner with him and this evening ride out him with Jack Crites – Then he went to Selma to spend the evening. The women to day took their dinner in the hall – Mrs Dr H. H. George gave us a talk to day. After the meeting I went down with Aunt Mary and had supper with her. Mr Mc and Paul came down for me and Aunt Mary came home with us. Clayton & Jason off on a hay ride to night – Another late gathering in The Soldiers post here this morning. They are in camping down at East Point. Robert put up corn to day. Alex, Carey and Uncle Joe busy all day. The boys were all at school to day.

15” Sept. Wed. Another warm dusty day. Clayton Jason and Paul at School. Aunt Mary and I busy at the grapes & Robert busy too. Near noon Mr Mc and Homer left for Springfield – the big Silver Camp meeting opened there to day. Uncle Joe at town this afternoon – We finished putting up the corn and tomatoes and jelly at early supper. After which I took Aunt Mary home – Mrs Holton rode down with us we stopped in to see Della but she was too weak to see us. Jason at town with Uncle Joe he is to keep store for J. H. tomorrow. Clayton at McClains watermelon patch. Mr Mc & Homer did not get back until after ten – Alex busy at the roof to day. On yesterday morning Homer called in to see Della and had a pleasant meeting with her – She seemed unusually bright. Uncle Dan called.

16” Sept. Wed. Mr Mc and Homer at Cedarville this morning. Homer on an errand and to tell the folks good by. They came home bringing Jas Little with them – After an early dinner Homer told us good by and Mr Mc & Jas L- took him to Springfield – he left on the 8 Oclock train for Port Jervis N. Y. to stay with Fannie until next week when he will go to New York to attend the Union Seminary – They had quite a heavy rain in Springfield that prevented Mr Mc & Jas L- from attending the Silver Camp meeting – they reached home about ten Oclock. I attended a

meeting of the W. C. T. U. at Aunt Marys just as I came into town a flash of lightning struck Boyds Stable – it took fire but was put out again in a short time. I came home near dark Clayton at C- again this evening. Paul & Jason around home. No one knows how lonely I feel this evening Homer's room & Clara's room look like desolation – then the room that Fannie and the children occupied seems forsaken too – O how lonely – and yet we must live on and try to be faithful no matter what our feelings are – for feelings is not duty – It was very cloudy this afternoon – but very little rain fell here but it is much cooler this eve – Clayton & Jason at School to day. Paul at our School.

17" Sept. Thurs. Much cooler to day – very much like rain but no rain fell – Alex & Carey H- and some others began cutting corn to day. Uncle Joe still absent – Jim L- around to day and went down to town with Uncle Dan this evening. After Clayton & Jason came home from School I went to town I called to see Della – She is very low indeed. After Paul came home from School, he and Holtons girls at McClains watermelons. Mr Mc at Paxtons I think. Clayton & [illegible] have gone on another hay ride this evening – I hope this will be the closing ride of the season.

18" Sept. Saturday Quite a nice day – a little cool – Della McMillan is dead. She past away a little after seven yesterday evening. Mr Mc and I left Robert in care of the house keeping and went to Springfield to the Silver Camp meeting. We took our dinner – The meeting was held on the fair ground. St. John [?] gave us a rousing speech this afternoon – followed by a young lady from N. Y. We stopped to speak to Harlan as we past Carsons. James Little took his place in Anderson's grocery this morning. Mr Mc and I drove down to see Sallie & Dave as we came home. Lide Torrance still there – Lizzie Blair will stay with them to night – Alex & Carey cutting corn – Clayton and Jason and Paul around home – they took wood to Aunt Jane to day. This Eve Robert & Carey in C-

19" Sept. Sabb. Chilly & cloudy. Mary & Nora Holton went with Clayton and Jason and Paul and [I?] to Sabbath School & church – Mr Mc at church alone. Mr Mortons subject was the children of Israel murmuring because they did not have flesh to eat – God in anger sent them quails – to the full. Harlan was at church to day James Little came down with him. Jason rode out with him from church. At three Oclock Paul and Jason and I at the Sabbath School at the School house – we had a nice meeting Tim Rapaier [?] from off the Pike came in and sat in the class. After lunch Harlan went back to his home in Springfield – He expected to stop in to see Sallie & the [illegible] James L- was going back with him. The boys did not go to the young folks meeting. Mr Mc and I at the U. P. Church this Eve to hear Dr McMichel – his text Enoch "pleased God" Robert went to see his mother this afternoon. Alex around as usual. Mrs Jennette Liggett of Detroit Mich. at the young folks meeting in the U. P. Church this eve the leading thought "The law of sacrifice is the law of life."

20" Sept. Monday – A bright day but chilly. The roads very dusty. This morning I went to Sallies and Dave and helped Lizzie Blair and Lizzie Galbreath dress Della for her burial. – As she lay so calm and peaceful in the casket she seemed to say "I am at rest" – The long wearisome

journey ended. I came home at noon and directly after dinner Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and I at the funeral. The service conducted by Mr Morton. Uncle Joe has been away since Tuesday Eve and was at the funeral and came back here this evening. Jason came home – and Clayton and Walter went some place near the Y. Springs on a horse trade – Mr Mc and Paul and Aunt Jane and I went to the Cemetery. When we reached home Robert had supper ready. Clayton and Jason were not at school to day. Paul was there until noon. This Eve Alex took the clothes to Mrs P-

21" Sept Tuesday. Bright & clear but chilly. A heavy frost fell last night that snapped things as it fell – Mr Mc at C- this A.M. – home at noon – Robert and I canning tomatoes – Clayton and Jason at home helping with the wheat sowing. Alex cutting corn Carey at the wheat – Uncle Joe around. Paul at school. This P.M. I went with Mr Mc to Hollingsworth – I took The Spirit-Filled Life along to read while Mr Mc went to attend his business – As we came through C- We called to see Prof Weaver – It is agreed that the boys remain out of school this week to help with the wheat – Mr Mc and I home in time for supper. The boys all at home & asleep now.

22" Sept. Wed. A bright day but chilly. Mr Mc at C- this A.M. – he drove out to Uncle Silas's – Aunt Mollie [?] not well. Aunt Mary out there these days. Mr Mc home at noon. He met S. K. Mitchel & Son in C- Clayton and Jason at the wheat. Paul at school. Alex cutting corn. Carey busy. This afternoon Mr Wood Warner called – later Mr Mc left for John Thomas. Uncle Joe at C- on an errand Robert and I canning Northern [illegible] apples. The apple crop very "slim" this season. Mr Mc home at dark –

23" Sept. Thurs. Another bright day. Carey & Jason at the wheat sowing. Uncle Joe & Clayton & Wood Warner at Jasper at John Thomas's to day for wheat They took dinner there – they did not get home until six Oclock this evening. Mr Mc at C. this A.M. – and this eve he was gone again – hoping to meet Will Mitchel. Clayton at C- this eve on an errand. Jason playing on the organ – Robert and [?] busy to day again – working with apples – Paul at our School. Mr Price of Springfield called – a letter came from Homer he is settled at last at his work in Union Seminary N. Y. city – He went down from Port Jervis Tuesday evening. Mr MacKenzie went with him.

24" Sept. Friday. Another nice day. Alex at the cutting – Clayton Jason and Carey at the wheat sowing – Uncle Joe around. Paul at School – Will Mitchel here on a final settlement – this morning – Robert in charge of the kitchen dept. Directly after dinner Mr Mc and I left for Springfield – We called at Mrs Petticrews and then at Mrs Stuarts – I spent a short time with Mrs S- then Sadie came in from school. – I met Miss Canfield – Mr Mc and I called at the express office and sent my fur cape remade to Clara – We made but a brief stay in S- we met Harlan. Sam Small spoke in S- to night but we could not stay. As we came home we called at Jim Evans residence – then drove across to the Pike and called at Fords – Mr Mc made arrangements for 61 bushels of Ruby seed wheat – When we reached home all had retired. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M.

25" Sept. Sat. Another bright day. Mr Mc and Clayton on the Clifton roads at Fords for the wheat reached home at noon Carey & Jason at the wheat sowing Alex at the corn cutting. Robert busy. Uncle Joe around. Paul at Holtons as much as possible. This afternoon he & the girls went out to gather nuts. This P.M. Mr Mc took Uncle Joe home. Robert & Carey at C- this eve. The boys are sleeping – I am happy.

26" Sept. Sabbath. Another beautiful day – but very dry & dusty. Jason has a bad cold. He remained at home today with Robert and Alex. Mary and Nora Holton at church and Sabbath School with Clayton and Paul and me. Mr Mc at church. Mr Mortons sermon or text "After this I beheld and lo, a great multitude, which no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds & people and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." Robert had dinner awaiting us when we came home. This afternoon at three O'clock Paul and I at the School house at the Sabbath School – Only seven present to day – but we had a pleasant hour together. This Eve Clayton at the young folks meeting and at the U. P. Church –

27" Sept. Monday. Another bright day. Alex at the corn cutting. Clayton Jason and Carey at the wheat sowing. Mr Mc among the neighbors until noon. I made a hasty trip to C- this morning and brought Uncle Joe out – Robert at his work. Rev Samuel Ramsay takes charge of the Cedarville Herald to day. Woolfest goes out – Paul at our School. Mr [illegible] Collins called with Mr Mc briefly. Late this P.M. – Mr Mc at Cedarville. Mrs Holton here this P.M. This Eve all at home. We rec'd a letter from Homer and one from Fannie. The Union Seminary opened to day in full blast so Homer says – they have a reception for the students this eve.

28" Sept Tues. Another bright day – had a fire in the parlor for the first to day. Mr & Mrs Quincy Adams of Jamestown here to dinner Uncle Joe went to town and brought Aunt Jane out. Uncle Bigham and Aunt Jennette were expected but they did not come. Aunt Jane went down home with Miss Wylie this Eve – Clayton Jason & Carey at the wheat sowing – Alex at the husking. Mr Mc around home all day. We had a pleasant time to day. We missed everyone of the children that are gone – all of them were asked for.

29" Sept. Wed. Another lovely day. No rain yet. Clayton Jason and Carey at the wheat sowing Alex at the corn cutting. Mr Mc among the neighbors from Hamis [?] to Authors [?]. I called at Mr Henesy Kyle on an errand – Mr Fred Smith and son here for dinner and remained for supper – Frits Smith went to see Paul at his school and had quite a time playing together this Evening. A nice letter from Fred & Clara – His headquarters is Bussy [sic.]. He is at Monmouth this week visiting Clara. Clara is in fine spirits. This Eve Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and I at our church hearing the missionary Scott (Rev George Scott) on India. A good audience and a good address. This A.M. Clayton and Jason took Aunt Mary another cow – and helped up with Aunt Janes "Home Comfort Stove" Uncle Joe at C- with a fleece of wool for Mr & Mrs Adams to talk to Aunt Jennie. They were to pass through C- to day Robert good & faithful.

30" Sept. Thurs. Another very beautiful day. No rain yet. Alex at his corn cutting. Carey & Clayton & Jason at the wheat sowing. Uncle Joe and Mr Mc around. Paul at School. I have

been busy all A.M. This afternoon I attended the Missionary Society in the Prayer meeting rooms. It looked very neat with the new carpet and paper. We had a very full meeting. Rev George Scott the missionary gave us a talk about their work in India. "The Busy house – wives relation to the Missionary Society was discussed." Aunt Mary rode down with me – I took tea with her – I simply stopped and spoke to Sallie and spoke at Browns as I past – Mr Mc burning the under brush by the creek this evening. Robert going along as usual. All at home to night – and I am happy.

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1" Oct Friday. Another bright day – but dry & the dust is deep. Alex finished cutting corn this A.M. Mr Mc and Carey & Jason & Uncle Joe at the Buck wheat – Mr Mc around all day. Clayton away on a horse trade all afternoon – Paul at School. This afternoon I spent an hour or two with Sallie & Dave – I went from there to the office – I also called at Mrs Conleys and she made me a present of a beautiful rug. Aunt Mary and some of the folks at Carey Harbisons to day. I am not feeling very well these days.

2" Oct Saturday Another beautiful day – The drouth and dust still prevails. Alex, Carey, Uncle Joe and Clayton & Jason and Mr Mc put in a full day at the buckwheat bringing it in and cleaning it. Newlan & Son here this P.M. – and assisted – both of them here to supper – This Eve Clayton took Uncle Joe down to C- Jason rode down with Carey & Robert to town. Paul out with Nora and Mary gathering his [illegible] nuts this P.M.

3" Oct. Sabbath. Another bright day. All up in good time and in time to the church. Clayton Jason and Paul and Mary & Nora H- and I at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc at church. Alex and Robert at home Mr Mortons text "And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt." There is not anything that gives the sinner the peace and security that resting upon the blood of Jesus brings to sinners soul. Although we have been afar off – we can feel that we are made nigh by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. This afternoon at three Oclock Jason and Paul and I at the School house at the Sabbath School George Marshall called and went with us we had eleven schollars [sic.] in all and a good school. At six Oclock Clayton & Jason at the young folks meeting and did not remain for teaching. Albert Harris who was with us in the Spring came back this eve and had supper with us to night – A brother from Germany here to breakfast.

4" Oct. Monday Another bright beautiful day. The only "draw back" is the dust. Clayton after an absence of two weeks returned to Selma School this morning. Paul at our School. Albert Harris went to assist Alex and Carey & Jason with the buckwheat – Albert will stop with us for a little while. Mr Mc Around home all day and among the neighbors. This morning I made a hasty trip to C- I called at Gillaugh's Restaurant. Uncle Joe will not be ready to come out until evening. Robert flourishing in the kitchen. How beautiful everything seems – How much we have to be thankful for. Our blessings are more than can be numbered. This Eve after Clayton

returned from School Paul and I took the washing to Mrs P- and brought Uncle Joe out – Newlan & son here this P.M.

5" Oct Tues Another nice day. Alex Albert and Uncle Joe and Jason at the buckwheat – Carey at the wheat sowing this A.M. This P.M. – Frank Newlan here helping. I have put in a full day ironing table cloths & napkins. Robert baking. This A.M. Lizzie Blair and Bessie Caldwell from the west called They are taking dinner with Sallie & Dave. Clayton at Selma School – Paul at our School. This P.M. – [illegible] Mc and Waldo called. Paul and I took them up home – Then we went to Mr Henry Kyles on an errand – Uncle Joe at C- to tell Bessie good by – She goes away in the morning. Mr Lawn Stretcher called this eve.

6" Oct. Wed. Another bright day – very dry & dusty. Aunt Mary came up with Miss Wylie this morning – we put in our time on chow chow. Albert & Uncle Joe cleaning buckwheat – Alex & Carey at the wheat sowing. Clayton at Selma School. Paul at our School. A Taylor, by trade, here for dinner & done some repairing This afternoon I took Aunt Mary to the Congregational prayer meeting After the meeting I came home – and got ready & went back to C- and took tea with Miss Graff at Aunt Marys – Miss Graff is the [illegible] in Antioch College in the Y. Springs – She came to C- at five this Eve to attend Prof Kings Entertainment at the Opera House – Mr Mc & Jason left for Xenia this P.M. I came & stopped at Aunt Ms for tea and attended the lecture too. King had a full house and done grandly – we were late in getting home to night.

7" Oct. Thurs. Another bright day. Clayton at Selma School. Paul at our School. Albert began gathering potatoes. Carey & Alex at the wheat Mr Mc and Jason around. Mr [illegible] of Xenia called – here for dinner. Uncle Joe at C- on an errand This afternoon Mr Mc at Charleston he missed seeing Mr Lawn Houston – he reached home near dark. Carey here looking over accts – Will Mc called After school Clayton went to town and brought out the mail. Robert and [bland] finished canning tomatoes. We fired up our oil stove this eve in the sitting room –

8" Oct. Friday. The weather bright. Very dusty – the men all busy at the potatoes and wheat. Paul at school until noon the other boys at home Uncle Joe at C- early to mail a book to Homer. Robert going right along with his work. This afternoon Uncle Joe and Clayton Jason Paul and Mr Mc and I at our church – Rev. Pheebles[?] preached preparatory to our communion Sabbath. His text "how the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus that great Shepherd of the Sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant." After preaching we all came direct home excepting Paul & Uncle Joe they waited for the mail. I did not forget the meaning of this day. How fastly the years go by. We can never be too much in earnest for our selves and for our children – I feel this I know this – and I try to live it.

9" Oct. Sat. Another clear day. Uncle Joe & Carey & Albert and Clayton and Jason and Paul & Nora & Mary Holton at the potatoe gathering. Will Mcs thrashing clover – Mr Lawn Houston called this A.M. This afternoon Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at church – Rev Thomas Pheebles of Minneapolis preached – " He shall come unto us as the rain" – After preaching Paul and I at Aunt Marys and waited for the mail. Carey & Robert at town this

evening as is their fashion. The rest of us at home. Alex put in a full day on the roof repairing it.

10" Oct Sabb. A nice day indeed. Harlan came down from Springfield last night after ten – We were sorry he was so late of coming. Robert & Alex & Albert in charge of the home to day. Clayton Jason and Paul and Nora & Mary Holton and I at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc & Harlan came together to church. Had sermon by Rev Pheebles. Text "Always bearing about the dying of our Lord Jesus." At the close of the Sermon we had the Communion Services. The great lesson for every day life – Set up Christs Banner in our hearts and home "The Banner of Love" and wonderful transformation – and blessed changes will most graciously follow – Let us follow close by our leader through the journey that lies before each one of us. We reached home at three Oclock – Robert had dinner ready – At four Oclock Paul went with me to the School house to meet with the little class – Seven in all this evening. After a lunch Harlan went back to his home in Springfield – We left Paul in Alexs care – and Mr Mc and Clayton and Jason at our church – Sermon by Rev Pheebles – text "For all people will walk every one in the name of his God, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever. The night beautiful – A goodly number out of the U.P.s as well as our own folks.

11" Oct. Monday. After quite an absence from School Jason returned & went with Clayton this morning. Paul at our School. Alex sowing timothy seed. Carey & Alex busy. Robert in charge of the home. Mr Mc and I at the closing exercises of the Communion Services – Sermon by Rev Pheebles – "Except ye become as little children ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of heaven" Let us never be satisfied with present attainments but let us be pressing forward to the high mark – to the perfect [illegible] of men in Christ Jesus. After preaching Mr Mc and I took Aunt Mary home and had dinner with her – made a short stay in the city and came home. Miss Blair is coming to board with Aunt Mary. Will come this Eve -- A little after dinner we had a shower enough to lay the dust – the first we have had for some time. Rev Pheebles goes away this evening. Mr Mc & Paul at town this eve with the clothes for Mrs P- and brought Uncle Joe out – No mail from any quarter this evening – and I do feel a little lonely. Clayton & Jason at their lessons this eve.

12" Oct Tuesday. Pleasant after the shower yesterday. Carey at the mill with wheat – Alex W. Pugh told us good bye and took his trunk and went with Carey to the morning train for Cincinnati. Uncle Joe around looking after things Albert at the [blank]. & Carey Mr Mc at Wades sale on the Xenia road – Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. I canned the quinces and made quince jelly – and this Eve Mary Holton and I at C- I called at the office to see Editor Ramsey – I also called to see Mr Brown and we past home.

13" Oct. Wed. Another beautiful day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Hanna Carson called this morning & chatted awhile. Mrs Holton here – This afternoon Mrs Sara H. Deem here. She got some things Fannie left her. This morning Mr Mc left for the Houston & Cook sale – there for dinner and did not get home until dark this evening – Uncle Joe at C- Paul & Nora Holton went with him. A letter came from Clara this eve – Fred has been visiting her for

a week – he went back to his work in Iowa. Carey at Wades for sheep – this A.M. – he & Albert at the potatoes the rest of the time. This Eve Uncle Joe & the boys at Will Mcs – Robert and I busy I ironed.

14" Oct. Thurs. Another nice day. Albert at the potato gathering & Uncle Joe, Carey busy Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our school. This A.M. Mr Mc called to see J. Harvey McMillan. This afternoon he was at Matthew Wilsons. I washed windows up stairs all A.M. This afternoon I went to town to see Miss Graff – I took tea with her and Miss Blair at Mr Mortons – I waited for the mail and did not get home till near dark. Mr Bridgeman here to see Mr Mc – Will Mc here awhile. Robert getting along nicely with the work.

15" Oct. Friday. Another lovely day – I finished cleaning the windows up stairs made a complete job and finished the boys room. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Mr H. Huntingtons live in Selma now – Mr H- took the boys conveyance and drove down here took dinner & spent awhile this P.M. Mr Mc helped Mr Bridgeman away with sheep and got back at noon. Uncle Joe, Carey & Albert husking corn to day. Paul at School. This Eve Mr Morris called – Clayton and one of the Davis boys at a revival at Gladstone this eve.

16" Oct. Sat. Quite a warm day – back to summer again. Mr Mc at C- this A.M. at mill. I finished "chow chow" and cleaning the porch up stairs. The men husking corn. Mr Yarnell called to see Mr Mc while he was away this A.M. Clayton & Jason bringing in wood. Paul & Mary & Nora H- out gathering hickory nuts – Late this Eve I made a flying visit to town with Uncle Joe. Albert busy to day. This Eve Carey & Robert in C- Mr Mc burning the weeds along the pike to night.

17" Oct. Sabb. Much cooler this morning. On last night Boyds livery stable was burned down – Clayton and Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc at church. I went down after Aunt Jane this morning as usual – She and Aunt Ellen both at church – Aunt Matt at home alone. Riley Little stopped off at C- yesterday when returning from Allegahney [sic.] and preached for Mr Morton to day – His text "But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Let no one go out to preach or work until they are endued with power from on high. The holy spirit is a gift. When we receive this power we will be strong for the work in what ever place God has assigned us. The Spirit will lead us into the secret place of the most high. The spirit will give us a clearer in sight into the word of God – and will love to studie it. To receive the Spirit is to have a deeper and firmer hold upon god. To be filled with the Spirit the life becomes grander and the fruit richer. No matter what place we fill in life our lives will be a failure unless we have this Spirit and are led by it. Without this Spirit we are powerless. [?] David, an Evangelist speaking on "The Life More Abundant" said – I need not say much on the "filling" or the life more abundant, for as soon as Jesus comes into you, He cleanses and fills your heart with Himself. Cleansing and filling goes together; cleansing by faith and the life more abundant, or the promise of the father, by faith also." Gal 3: 14. Now he goes on to say "If you want to have this power, come to the point. 1.

Separation, freedom from evil – 2. Consecration, all that you are, and all that you have upon the altar. 3. Yielding your will to anything. 4. Believing that the Lord Jesus Christ can cleanse you from all sin; entire cleansing. Then comes the filling. He fills you with Himself. Then you will have glory inside and glory outside.” Robert and Albert at home. At three O'clock Paul and I at the Sabbath School at the School house had eleven scholars out. At six O'clock Clayton and Jason at the Young folks meeting.

18" Oct. Monday. Another nice day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. I spent this A.M. in Uncle Joes room and this afternoon I finished cleaning the bed room & parlor windows. Robert busy at his work. Mr Mc around home all day. Uncle Joe came out with Uncle Dan & went back when Clayton took the clothes to Mrs P- and were home again in a short time – Albert went down in the well on the poarch this afternoon and cleaned it out assisted by Uncle Joe and Carey.

19" Oct. Tues. Cloudy this P.M. – sprinkled rain a little this evening. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School – Mr Mc around & up and down the pike all day. Albert husking corn & Carey also – Uncle Joe around this eve he went to C- on an errand. Robert busy all day. I put in a full day cleaning up stairs.

20" Oct Wed – Another beautiful day. Had a light shower last night – Albert & Carey husking corn. Uncle Joe around. This afternoon Mr Mc left for Charleston but when he got as far as Selma eh learned that Houston & most of the Charleston men were at the Kitchen land sale and he drove over there – and got to see Mr Houston & co – and got home at dark – Uncle Joe working at the potatoes this afternoon Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School – I have been in bed all day with one of my sick attack – stomach. Robert going on all right with the work – Mrs H- called this eve –

21" Oct. Thurs. A nice day. Albert and Carey husking – Uncle Joe at the potatoes – Mr Mc at Clifton at McColloughs sale – Clayton and Jason at Selma School Paul at our School – Etta McMillan here quite a while this morning – This afternoon I went to Mr Brothertons to the W.C.T.U. Subject – “The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me.” Mrs [Blank] the new M. E. Ministers wife at the meeting and handed in her name as a full member – so did Miss Paulene Ross. Aunt Bell rode out with me – And after the meeting I went with her to Miss Rose Chambers – Aunt Bell is getting ready to the national W.C.T.U. at Buffalo – & expects to visit Fannie & MacKenzie at Port Jervis. Miss Graff is at Aunt Marys to day.

22" Oct. Friday. Another nice day. Albert Carey husking & helping Uncle Joe with potatoes into the cellar – After an early dinner Mr Mc left for Springfield. I ironed this A.M. and this afternoon I put in my time fixing up the rooms in readiness for winter cleaning. Mr Bunyan from the Springs called to see Mr Mc this P.M. Paul at our School. Clayton and Jason at Selma School and at C- this evening at a Prohibition party speech – I do not longer walk with that party now—but belong to the Liberty party – because they grant to women the right of sufferage – Robert has been busy baking to day. Mr Mc waited until Harlan came in this eve and did not

get home until nine. He took supper with Harlan at Adams's Mabel Tolie, Claras school mate in Springfield died suddenly a few days ago.

23" Oct. Sat. A nice day but a little cool. Uncle Joe out at the potatoes until noon – Carey & Albert husking and at the potatoes. Mr Mc around home all day. Clayton & Jason and Paul here – This afternoon Mr Mc superintending the potatoes – Uncle Joe and I called to see Nannie Williamson. She has been in bed for some time with Rheumatism. When we came to town I called to see Aunt Mary and around town and home – Robert & Carey at C- this evening. Uncle Joe and I drove past the Cemetery to see Wm Morton.

24" Oct. Sabbath. Quite a nice day. Robert sick this morning and has been in bed all day. Clayton and Jason at Sabbath School & church – Mary and Nora H- were there. Mr Mc and I at church – I drove down for Aunt Jane. Paul at home to day with a sore toe Albert around home. Mr Mortons text "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." We had dinner in a very little while after we came home – Robert still on the sick list. At three O'clock Paul and I at the School house at the Sabbath School – twelve children present – We had an unusually interesting meeting. Clayton and Jason at the Young folks meeting and at the U. P. Church this evening.

25" Oct. Monday a lovely day. Robert McFarland left us rather unexpectedly this morning – He took the buggy down for Uncle Joe (when he went away). Uncle Joe returned in it at noon alone – and brought us the sad tidings that Sir Robert would return no more. Carey at Springfield to day with potatoes. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. This A.M. Mr Mc at Sparrows above Clifton and returned home past the Springs to see Mr P. S. Bunyan – he did not get home until dark. This Eve Uncle Joe took the clothes to Mrs P. Jason at the dishes this eve –

26" Oct. Tuesday. A nice day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Carey at C- with potatoes to day again. I left dinner on the stove and in the stove for Mr Mc Uncle Joe and Albert and [I] went to town to see Aunt Bell before she leaves for the National W.C.T.U. at Buffalo – She will start in the morning. She expects to visit Mr MacKenzie and Fannie at Port Jervis before she comes back. I took dinner with Aunt Mary. Miss Blair there as usual. I came home early this afternoon. Mr Mc thought of going to Charleston but Mr Bunyan came and prevented him This eve Jason at C- on a flying trip for the mail.

27" Oct. Wed. A beautiful day indeed but no rain yet. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. I have been working in the pantry. Albert husking Carey & Uncle Joe at the potatoes. After an early dinner Mr Mc left for Xenia to see Mr Harris. Home again at dark. A letter came from Harlan. Rev Jos Kyles wife is dead – Everything quiet here to day.

28" Oct. Thurs. A nice day. Mr Mc put in a full day looking after lost sheep. Uncle Joe and Carey bringing in potatoes. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. This afternoon I attended the Missionary Soc. I waited at Aunt Marys until the mail came in – I met

Miss Groff there. and Miss Blair also. I called to see Mr & Mrs Morton this first time I have been in since August – I had a nice call – The folks all waiting for supper when I came home.

29" Oct. Friday. Most a lovely day. The Buffalo or [illegible] the National W.C.T.U. Convention meets there this morning – I have had a busy day here – Mr Mc around to day looking after the missing sheep – Uncle Joe & Carey taking care of the potatoes. Albert husking. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Price of Springfield arrived at noon and Mr Mc brought him in to dinner. Clayton at Matthews after school. Uncle Dan called this afternoon – Mrs Josephine Kyle remains brought to her fathers in Springfield – her funeral there to day.

30" Oct. Saturday. A nice day but cool. Clayton and Jason at work. Carey bush helping with hops. Uncle Joe at C- and brought Aunt Mary out to spend the day. We rec'd a letter from Homer from Union Seminary N. Y. and from Fred from Bussy Iowa – and from Clara from Monmouth Illinois – and from Fannie from Port Jervis N.Y. and was expecting one from Springfield from Harlan – but it did not come. Mr Mc & Uncle Joe around all day. Mrs Bunyan from the Y. Springs made two trips here to day. Mr or Carey working with hops This Eve I took Uncle Joe & Aunt Mary to C- & made a flying trip. We are around the fire this eve – Paul was out with Nora & Mary Holton gathering nuts to day.

31" Oct. Sabbath. Quite a cloudy day. Clayton & Jason & Paul and Nora and Mary Holton at Sabbath School & church. Mr Mc & I at church. Mr Mortons text. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ; Just one remark. Sometimes it is necessary to lighten the ship to save it. There are some things we can not take to heaven with us. We must throw sin and selfishness over board – We expected Harlan to day but a letter came late last night which we did not get 'till to day, saying he would not be here. Albert kept house for us to day. At three Oclock Paul and I were at the School house at the Sabbath School – We had eleven scholars – and a pleasant hour. Clayton & Jason at the Young Folks meeting this P.M. Clayton led the meeting. Subject. "Preaching Christ – for what; After the meeting they went to the U. P. church to hear Walter Cooley preach.

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1" Nov. Monday. It began raining last night – It rained most of the night and quite a good deal to day. This is the first rain we have had since the 24" of August – And the drouth was becoming all most a serious matter – but we always get more than we deserve – for the rain has come and how many do you suppose will return to give God thanks. Let us not forget his loving kindnesses to us. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc around all day. Carey in the wood shed part of the time. Albert there all the time. Uncle Silas called this P.M. Mr Mc sent Carey to town to look after some business – Uncle Joe made some mistakes about having Homers draft entered correctly – and Mr Mc took the clothes to Mrs P- and went on to town. Mr [illegible] here for [illegible].

2nd Nov. Tuesday. Another days rain. Jason at Selma School alone. Paul at our School. Albert around home all day in the wood shed. Clayton took me to town this morning to see Dr Homen – Father came later to C- he and I had our arrangements made to go to Wm & Lizzie Blairs for dinner. They had Clayton brought in and he was there for dinner too – Uncle Joe was there and Jim C- we surely had a fine dinner, and a pleasant time. Mrs McIntire & Mary Torrence were there calling this afternoon – Robert McCasland called there to see me. He will be back in the morning. Clayton at C- to night on a horse trade. This was the day of the election. Uncle Joe came out with us this evening.

3rd Nov. Wed. A beautiful day after the rain. Albert at the husking. Uncle Joe busy – Carey helping take horses to Warners pasture. This morning Uncle Joe at C- and brought Robert McCasland out he began on his 2nd term to day. This afternoon I took Mrs Holton and Mary & Harley with me to C- and left them with the carpet weaver – and I attended the Congregational prayer meeting. We took Aunt Mary down home – I called at Mrs Condon to day to see Nellie but she was not at home – I spent a little while with Mrs C- She had Jennie Bratton assisting here to day. This Eve Mr Mc at the Townsley farm to see Bridgeman. This eve Will Mc here chatting. Jason at C- on an errand this Eve.

Thurs. 4 Nov. Another nice day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School – Paul at our School. Mr Mc left this morning for Kitchen's sale at Pitchin. Near noon Mr Price from Springfield came – he was here to dinner & for supper also – he is expecting to board with us for a few days while his men are getting out lumber – This afternoon Robert at his work. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. I have been busy washing up my black dress that Fannie and Bary[?] Carry made for me – several year ago – This dress has a history. This Eve Clayton & Jason at Selma to hear Miss Vance lecture at the M. E. Church. Mr Mc home to supper – he and Uncle Joe and Mr Price chatting around the fire. Albert & Carey husking to day.

5th Nov. Friday. A very gloomy day. Had a shower this P.M. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Price at his work and here for his meals and with us to night again. I went with Mr Mc to Charleston this morning to see Mr Lawn Houston we reached home after twelve. After dinner Mr Mc went to Xenia to see Mr Marris – for to look after some necessary things. I went with him. It has been a very gloomy afternoon – and evening. We did not get home until eight Oclock – Uncle Joe away all day assisting Jim H Mc with a funeral over at Clifton Robert in charge to day while we were away.

6th Nov. Sat. Pleasant after the clouds of yesterday. Albert husking corn – And Careys brother in law also. Carey sowing timothy seed. Clayton at C- with a horse at the shop. This afternoon he took corn to Aunt Mary. Jason took sheep (30 head) to Charlie Turnbull this P.M. Near noon Mr Mc at town to see J. D. W – This afternoon he went up to Charleston to see Lawn Houston Mr Price left us this P.M. – He has his walnut lumber ready to ship – Robert busy all day. I ironed this A.M – Robert busy. This Eve Carey and his bro took Uncle Joe down home. Mr Mc did not get home until after dark. Harlan came this eve from Springfield.

7" Nov. Sabbath. A very gloomy day indeed – not one ray of sunshine & chilly. Clayton & Jason and Paul and Mary & Nora Holton and I at Sabbath School. I went down for Aunt Jane. Harlan came yesterday Evening and he and Mr Mc went together to church. Mr Mortons text "Let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus." Robert and Albert at home. When we reached home Robert had the dinner ready. At three O'clock Paul and I at the School house at the Sabbath School. The children made a fire in the stove – We only had five Scholars to day – It has been raining. I suppose that has kept the other children at home. This Eve Clayton at the young folks meeting. This Evening after lunch Harlan went back to Springfield – Jim L. will go back with him from C-

8" Nov. Monday. It fairly poured rain most of the night and has been damp and cloudy all day. This morning when Mr MC was ready to start to Charleston young Mr Wildman from Houstons [illegible] two men arrived on the scene to sack wool – and they worked in earnest until noon and afterwards. Near noon Mr Marris came from Xenia and was here to dinner also. Will Mc was here with his wool and he was also here to dinner. Mr Wildman and his men here to dinner too. This afternoon I took the clothes to Mrs P- and brought Uncle Joe out home – I called at Dr Normans office – I stopped in to see Mrs J. S. Williamson.

9" Nov. Tuesday. A dreary damp day. Uncle Joe around – Mr Mc around home all day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. I put in a full day putting the back room up stairs in order. This Eve I went to C- on an errand. A letter came from Aunt Bell this evening. Mr McKenzie went to N.Y. yesterday and Aunt Bell goes home with to Port Jervis this Evening. Robert taking care of his dept as usual. Alex M. Pugh came on the evening train from Cincinnati this evening and is with us to night. Will Mc here.

10" Nov. Wed. A cloudy day & damp after the rain. Mr Mc left for Charleston this A.M. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Alex went to C- for his trunk He began husking corn this A.M. Albert husking & boarding with us too Robert at his work. Uncle Silas here for dinner. A little past one Mr Mc came home and was here to dinner too. Uncle Silas around a little while. Walter has gone into the livery business in C- This Eve Mr Mc at C- at the office. I wrote to Clara & Fred this eve – Fred is there on a visit – now at Monmouth. Carey bringing in coal.

11" Nov. Thursday. Quite a wintery blustery day. Snowing & blowing – Carey at Will Mcs helping with the thrashing – Alex and Albert husking – Careys brother in law boards with them and husks for us. Aunt Jane came out with Miss Wylie when she came up to her school and went back with her this eve. Clayton at Selma School Jason at home. He went to C- and brought sacks from Steads [?]. I have been busy sewing – and put in a full evening at the machine. Carey called this Eve. Paul at our School to day. This is grand mother Murdocks birthday. If she had lived until to day she would have been 83 years old.

12" of November – Friday A happy change in the weather for to day. The sun shining but it is still cold. Mr All Stormont and his men here thrashing. We announced an early dinner and had as many of the hands as desired come & have dinner – there were 8 or nine here – and they

were ready to begin thrashing a little after twelve. Clayton at C- this morning on an errand – He and Jason both at School as Prof Weaver is attending the Teachers Association at Dayton – Robert and I have been employed very constantly all day. Paul at our School. Albert & Alex at the husking. We had the full force of men here to supper – huskers and all – which amounted to [illegible]. Robert and getting along all right. Paul has been out since he came from School. They finished what was in the barn this afternoon. Mr All Stormont with us to night.

13" Nov. Sat. Pleasant this A.M. – but beautiful this afternoon. Our men began thrashing in the lower fields – Uncle Joe at C- he brought out a letter from Fred he is back at Bussy la again. All of our men into dinner counting home ones and all there was between twenty and thirty here to dinner. Paul out with the men all day. Robert on the fly. I am on the drag. They stopped thrashing when they finished the rick they were at – and hope to finish on Monday. This Eve Uncle Joe went down home Clayton went down on an errand. Jason at Holtons a little while. I wrote to Homer this evening – he is still going on with his work in Union Seminary.

14" Nov Sabb. The lovely weather of yesterday was followed by a rain – It began raining last night and rained very hard all day. Jason not feeling well and stayed at home Alex here. Robert in the kitchen Albert here. Clayton and Paul at Sabbath School & church – Mr Mc and I at church – Mr Mortons text – "Strangers have devoured his strength and he knoweth it not; yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth it not." Carelessness and negligence, and selfishness and apathy are some of the strangers that are creeping into our homes and heart and churches and devouring our strength – and making our home and life a failure – with Gods help let us arise and drive them out and close the door upon them forever. There were only a very few at church to day. This afternoon notwithstanding the rain we had our Sabbath School – small and all as it was. Mary and Nora Holton and Paul built the fire – Eddie Nye there just four scholars in all. I sent Mrs Holton her Bible this Eve. Clayton at the young folks meeting this Eve. Paul and Jason and I read the 1" chap of John, around the lamp to night This is the first time Paul has been able to read with us – and he reads well.

15" Nov Monday. Rain all of last night – raining most of the day and this evening also – Clayton and Jason were at Selma School to day. Paul at our School. Miss Wylies's brother [illegible] tonight. A nice letter came this eve from Aunt Bell. Clayton and Jason brought it from the office when they were at Cedarville this eve. Mr Mc has put in a full day looking & caring for the stock. Alex around this A.M. – and this P.M. – he and Albert both trying to husk Robert at his post all day – I have been trying to make the most of my time. Mr Bridges men here to see Mr Mc this eve. Aunt Bell is still at Fannies in Port Jervis, N.Y.

16" Nov. Tues. Quite a damp morning. It rained until noon when it began to turn cold – the sun set clear this Evening. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Alex around this A.M. – He went to the husking this P.M. – Albert went out hunting Mr Mc at C- this afternoon to see Mr Gray – he was not gone long until Mr [illegible] from near Charleston – and Uncle Silas and Uncle Dan all called – Mr [illegible] went down to C- and saw Mr Mc there &

Uncle Silas met him there also. Clayton and Jason at their lessons this eve. Uncle Joe came out with Mr Mc this eve.

17" Nov. Wed. This has been a nice day. It froze considerable last night. While we slept someone slipped in and took one of Claytons pigs – also wheat – Clayton and Jason at Selma School – Paul at our School – This A.M. I went to town to see Dr H- I also went to see Mrs Morton and made arrangements for house cleaning tomorrow – but when I came back home Mr All Stormont had called and made arrangements to thrash here tomorrow – this Eve I made the second trip to C- I drove to see Mr M- again to tell him to come some other day. While I was out I called to see Nannie H- She is able to sit up. Uncle Silas here this A.M. – and here to dinner Jas Mc and Jim C- called this P.M. Robert making things move in the kitchen. Clayton at C- to night – home early.

18" Nov. Thurs. This has been a beautiful day. All Stormont here and finished the thrashing – we had 16 men here besides our own men here to dinner. Uncle Joe here looking after things all day. He was at C- twice on an errand this A.M. Mr Mc busy all day. Clayton & Jason at home to day. Paul at C- with Uncle Joe this morning and at School to day – Robert doing his best. The men finished the thrashing about four Oclock.

19": Nov Friday. Another nice day. Uncle Dan called this morning Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Albert & Alex husking Uncle Joe & Carey bringing in corn. Robert taking care of the kitchen. Mr Mc and I at Springfield. We met Harlan at Hodges Stable – spent a little while with him. We met Jim Little there too – he was going by Xenia home this eve – I called to see Mrs Stuarts – Mrs S- in very poor health. We did not get home until after dark. Clayton and Jason at C- this Eve a little while. Mrs. John Barber called to day while we were away. So also did Uncle Bigham and Aunt Jennette – they came to spend the day.

20" Nov. Sat. Another nice day – Mr Mc left for Xenia this A.M. did not reach home until after dark this Eve – Clayton & Jason bringing in corn – Carey at the corn too. Alex & Albert husking. Joe Wood from [illegible] Co – who has been husking at boarding at the tenant house went back to Pike Co to day. Mrs Bridgeman called this morning Paul gathering walnuts. This afternoon I took Uncle Joe down home – expected to stop at Uncle Erwins to see Aunt Bell, but she was not home Blanch and Mary and Fern went up to Springfield to meet her. She left Fannie's yesterday and came the Erie road – They drove in when I was starting home. I spent a little while with Aunt Mary. Robert and Albert at Cedarville to night.

21" Nov. Sabb. Another nice day. Clayton Jason Paul and Nora H- tried to go to Sabbath School this morning. I went along and went down after Aunt Jane – Mr Mc came to church alone – Mr Mortons subject the Parable of the Tares. In this parable Christ gives us a picture of the human heart – and of the church – The good and bad grow together until Gods great harvest day. Robert had dinner ready when we came home. Alex & Albert around as usual. Robert not feeling very well. This afternoon Paul and I at the School house at the Sabbath School. We had ten scholars out – Let us not be weary in well doing is the exhortation. This Eve Clayton and Jason at the young folks meeting.

22" Nov Monday. Very gloomy all day. Not a ray of sunshine yet we know that the "Sun is still shining behind the clouds." Clayton at Selma School to day Paul at our School. Jason out at Uncle Bighams on a sheep exchange – there to dinner Mr Mc at C- this P.M. – at the mill and at Uncle Silas – home in time for supper. I have been busy putting the bed room in order presses & all do day. Robert busy. Alex & Albert husking on last night – Mr Frank McDormont died.

23" Nov. Tuesday. Still gloomy & almost cold. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Alex & Albert husking – Carey hauling in corn. Uncle Silas called – he and Mr Mc at Wilson Cellar's sale – They had dinner there – Near noon Jim Harvey brought Uncle Joe out – This afternoon I went to town to see Aunt Bell and Miss Graff – Miss G- came in on the five O'clock train. She cannot come Thanksgiving as we hoped. Aunt Mary sewing – Miss Blair & Miss G- both there. Mary & Nora H- rode down to town with Miss Wylie and home with me. The boys at their lessons this eve. Robert busy baking to day. A letter came from Homer – he went to Philadelphia on Friday & stayed until Monday morning with Mr Spense and Alvie Orr. A letter came from Fred also. He is still at Bussey Iowa going on with his railroad deal.

24" Nov. Wed. A bright day – but cool – Uncle Joe at Carey Milton Holtons the tenant house putting in window glass. Albert & Alex husking. Carey bringing in the corn – Uncle Dan called – Uncle Silas hare on a final sheep exchange – Mr Mc around. Ralph came with his father and both were here to dinner. This afternoon Mr Mc at Charleston at the Bank. This was the day of Mr Frank McDorments funeral – he was buried in the Charleston Cemetery. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Uncle Joe at C- this P.M. Robert and I busy getting ready for Thanksgiving tomorrow. Clara wrote us. She expected to go to Chicago to day to spend Thanksgiving with Mabel Daniels and return to Monmouth on Monday.

25" Nov. Thursday Thanksgiving day. Cloudy all day – not so cold as some of the days. The South wind blowing slightly and drizzling rain this evening. Father and Jason and I at church. Uncle Joe and Paul and Clayton at home. Robert working like a beaver getting the Thanksgiving dinner. I had all my part completed last night even to the setting of the table. Rev Calhoun & U.P. brother preached his text "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." Not a very large audience – but a fine practical sermon. After preaching Aunt Mary rode out with us. Jason called at Lizzie Ps for Jim Little to bring him out – but he had an engagement. We [illegible] Roy B – but it did not [illegible] When we came home, Harlan had come but Gladstone did not come as we expected. Uncle Erwin Aunt Bell and Blanch and Mary and Fern here – Frank Orr and Frank Ervin rode out with Jason – All here to dinner Roberts turkey & all was certainly fine. This Eve Mr Mc took Aunt Mary & Fern and Frank Orr home. Clayton and Jason at Miss Esther Pughs birthday party at Selma – A great gathering together of the Quaker brethren there. Careys all off to day at Stanleys.

26" Nov. Friday. A dark rainy day – Rained hard last night—and hard to day. Paul at School. No School at Selma – Clayton and Jason at home. Clayton at the office this morning. Clayton at the Warner pasture to day – I ironed all A.M. Alex & Albert around. Mr Mc at home and among

the neighbors. Uncle Joe around – Robert busy. All at home this Eve – very dark and threatening.

27" Nov Sat. A nice day again. Alex and Albert at the husking – Jason was out with Walkers boys hunting all day – but failed to bring in any game – Mr Mc around home all day. Clayton at the Warner pasture – Robert at his work. Paul around. This P.M. I took Uncle Joe home – We called in at Aunt Betsys old home to see Mrs Chainey. I left her a Bible – When at C- I called at Mrs Condon to see Nellie Murdock – but she and Walter were out taking dinner. I called to see Mr Morton – he had been on the sick list for the last week. Aunt Mary was there alone as Miss Blair is in Jamestown yet.

28" Nov. Sabbath. A little cool – but a beautiful day. It was cold this morning early. We rather expected Harlan to day but he did not come. Clayton Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church. Mary & Nora H- did not go to day. Mr Mc at church. Rev Sam'l Ramsey preached – text – put away thy wine from thee. I Sam'l 1 chap, last clause of the 14" verse. The individual – the family the church and the state should do this. It is a direct command from God. Robert had a nice dinner ready. Alex and Albert were both at home. At three Oclock Paul and I at the Sabbath School at the School house. Alex made the fire for us to day for the first – We had twelve Scholars and a pleasant hour. I must not grow weary or go back – but rather increase more & more in my interest – this I can not do of my self – In the lessons of the summer I learned no matter what our weakness when we give it to Christ it becomes strength. This Eve Clayton and Jason at the Young folks meeting. Paul and I read the 8" chap of John and the Sabbath School lesson for next Sabbath.

29" Nov Monday. Cold and frosty. Clayton and Jason at Selma School – Mr Mc home all day. Paul at our School. Mr Ford, the fine wheat man from Springfield Pike called here this A.M. – J. Harvey Mc here this P.M – Robert in charge in the kitchen. A man from off the Pike stayed on the premises last night – here to breakfast and began husking corn this morning Albert and Alex husking. I took the clothes to Mrs P- and drove out to Aunt Jennetts took dinner with her and Uncle Bigham – talked matters over and came to C- and got Uncle Joe and came home – Clayton & Carey at C- this evening. Mr Mc called to see Mr Robt Ervin and Mr Will Mitchel this P.M. Our new man with us to night.

30" Nov. Tues. Cold this morning but the sun came out beautifully. Paul at our School. Clayton & Jason started when they got as far as Blacksomes bridge when the colt they were driving kicked the buggy to pieces & came like a flash home leaving the boys behind – fortunately they were not hurt. How much we need to pray to be kept from accident and sudden death. Mr Mc went up and brought the boys home. After an early dinner Mr Mc left for Charlie Turnbolls and for Bradfutes office in C- Our new husker of yesterday "failed in health" and past on this A.M. I cleaned the dining room to day. I remember that it is a year to day since our good girl Frank[?] went to Fannies Mr Mc and I going with her to Springfield – I always feel sad when I think of her – She is dead now – but how many has past off the stage since them – to join the sleeping dead. O how many! This Eve –

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1" Dec Wed. Cold. I cleaned the wood work in the sitting room this A.M. Uncle Dan here awhile. Mr Mc drove and home to a one Oclock dinner. J. H. McMillan here for sheep so was Mr MacCarty and son – Mr Mc and Uncle Joe both around home – Clayton and Jason went back to the Selma School this morning. Paul at our School. Robert in charge of the kitchen dept as usual – Alex & Albert husking. Carey bringing in corn – I went down to the Congregational prayer meeting – we had quite an interesting meeting. I called in at Mrs Conley for [illegible] – I also called & had some refitting down at [illegible] Normans and reached home at dark. Jason reading the life of Livingston – Clayton at home.

2" Dec. Thurs. Another cold day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. I ironed until noon – and have been busy darning all P.M. Albert & Alex husking Carey bringing in corn – Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around. Robert at his work – This P.M. Mr Mc at town to see Mr Geo Harper – This Eve Clayton at the Opera House at the cantata "Queen Esther." Jason at his book – Mr Mc got chilled coming home.

3 Dec. Friday – Cold and blustery. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School—Mr Mc on the sick list did not get up until near noon – Uncle Joe going all day long looking after stock. Alex and Albert husking. Carey bringing in the corn – I have been nearly sick with cold to day too. I finished the ironing. This Eve all at home. A man from the soldiers home here for a square meal – then past on his way – seemingly very content. The Cantata of Esther to night again – we hoped that Jason would have been there but it was not convenient for us to let him go.

4" Dec. Sat. Rained last night and raining this morning. Albert off duty. Alex and Uncle Joe fixing the doors in the tenant house. Jason at Charlie Turnbells to day – there to dinner – Clayton started over to Myers's near Jamestown – but met the brothers coming with the stock. This afternoon I took Uncle Joe home – and brought out the mail. A letter rec'd from Fred – Clara – Fannie and Harlan – Homer wrote the other day – Mr Mc around home all day – I swept the parlor & rooms up stairs this P.M. – It is quite a wintry evening.

5" Dec. Sabb. It sprinkled snow last night – Cold to day. Clayton and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church – Mr Mc at church. Jason at home. Alex and Albert and Robert around home too. Mr Mortons text "A bruised reed shall he not break; the smoking flax shall he not quench; tell he sends forth judgement unto victory." What a picture we have here of Gods great sympathy and great pity & love for his children who feel that they are weak and frail and worthless – yet God does not break the bruised reed – or quench the smoking flax – O blessed promise and sweet comfort for poor weak Christians. I was impressed to day as I never was before that Christ Jesus receiveth sinners – He received the bad not the good – else none could be saved. That it is our badness not our goodness that we are to bring to Him. And we can not be good till we bring our badness to Jesus. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." At three Oclock Paul and I were at the School house at our Sabbath School. Alex had a nice fire & a warm room awaiting

us. All of the scholars were out but Bennie & Earl McClain We had an unusually pleasant hour. The boys around the Camp – Clayton busy reading his Pilgrims Progress.

6 Dec. Monday. Another cold day. Clayton & Jason at Selma School – Paul at our School. Mr Mc around home all day. Carey at C- for lumber & hauling in corn. Robert busy as usual – Alex husking. Albert off duty to day. This afternoon I took the clothes to Mrs P- and brought Uncle Joe out Not a pleasant day to be out. This Eve Willie Mc calling.

7" Dec. Tuesday. Moderated considerable this afternoon. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. This afternoon Carey & Isaac H- and Uncle Joe killed a hog for present use. Mr Mc at C- all afternoon – Uncle Dan here awhile. I have been busy & so has Robert Alex & Albert husking Carey bringing in wood & corn – This Eve Mr Mc and I attended Miss Graffs entertainment at our church – Clayton and Jason at C- for a short time.

8" Dec. Wed. Quite a mild bright day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. After an early dinner Mr Mc at Clifton mill – and came home past Cedarville. Carey hauling wheat to Clifton Alex & Albert husking Uncle Joe around all day. Mr Voncozier [?] passed this morning & chatted awhile with Mr Mc. I cleaned the sitting Alex shook the carpet – I put it down nicely this P.M. This Eve Clayton taking Walters buggy home. This is almost like a spring evening.

9" Dec. Thurs. Almost like Spring to day. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Carey hauling wheat to C- Alex & Albert husking. Uncle Joe around. Robert in charge of the cooking & home. This A.M. Mr Mc left for Xenia. We stopped at Phippers [?] Stable. This is the first time I ever met Mr Matt Phipper [?]. We reached home at dark. It is moon light and very mild. Uncle Dan and Leon [?] called this morning.

10" Dec. Friday. Another mild day. Mr Mc at Charleston. He took dinner with Mr Lawn Houstons at his fine residence. Reached home after three O'clock – When he went with me to town – I made but a short stay. Carey hauling wheat to town until noon – This afternoon helping Uncle Joe clean the buck wheat – Clayton & Jason at home to day as they had no way to go to school. Paul at our School. This as been a long dreary day to some of us.

Dec. Saturday. Rained last night – and been very cloudy all day – drizzling rain this evening. Alex & Albert at the corn all day and are getting very near the last of it. Carey took a load of wheat to Sterrett this A.M. Clayton took the buckwheat Pranelles to day – Jason & Paul got the wood for tomorrow this A.M. – and this afternoon Jason was out hunting. Robert finished up his work and after dinner I took him & Uncle Joe to town – Robert will be away until tomorrow Eve. Mary Holton & Paul went with me. I spent a little while with Aunt Mary. Miss Blair is away to day. It is just a year ago this evening since Grandmother Murdock left us. To look back to that evening it seems like a long year since then. And "when the night is gone – with the morn those Angel faces smile that we have loved long since and lost awhile."

12" Dec. Sabbath. A cloudy day – but not very cold. Harlan came last night – he came in late, from Springfield – He went with Mr Mc to church to day. Clayton Jason and Paul at Sabbath

School and church. I remained at home. Alex & Albert around. Mr Morton preached to day as usual. This afternoon at three O'clock Paul and I at the School house at the Sab School class. Alex made the fire for us – We only had a small class. After lunch Harlan went back to his home in Springfield. He is not feeling very well to day or last week – I am afraid he is doing too much these days.

13" Dec. Monday. A gloomy day Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School – Robert returned last night – but has been in bed all day. I have been taking charge of things. Mr C Paron [?] called this morning. Albert and Alex husking. Mr Mc at C- came to a one O'clock dinner. He took the clothes to Mrs P- and went back to town – Uncle Joe came out with him this evening. I have had a busy day. It is drizzling rain this Evening.

14" Dec. Tuesday. It rained last night and this morning early but cleared off this A.M. – Most of the time the day beautiful. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Robert came out & moved around slowly and got the dinner – he is not well yet. Alex & Albert husking. Uncle Joe around – Uncle Dan called this A.M. This afternoon Mr Mc meet Mr [illegible] Harper by appointment at one of his farms – Mr Mc came home past Cedarville – He spent some little time at Bradfutes office and at Sterretts – he did not get home until near dark. Clayton and Jason at some kind of an entertainment at Selma to night. Mr Mc brought the carriage out that Mr McCall left at Walters Livery Stable for him.

15" Dec. Wed. Cloudy to day again. Alex & Albert at the husking. Carey at C- this A.M. – with wheat -- & bringing in corn this P.M. Mr Mc near Selma at the late Frank McDormants sale – Uncle Joe at C- on an errand this P.M. Clayton at Selma School. Jason out a hunting all day. Paul at our School. This has been cloudy blowing day. This Eve Clayton and Jason at the five cent entertainment again at Selma to night Mr Mc home from the Sale near dark -- A great many folks there – If Mr McDormant could have looked forward to this hasty closing up of all his earthly effects how differently he would have lived – And what is true of McDormant is true of us all if we could only look forward and read the future. As God has it marked out for each of us.

16" Dec. Thurs. Cloudy this morning but the afternoon beautiful. For the sake of my children I will write here – that this is Mr Mc S birthday – and he is sixty three years old. This A.M. I finished the ironing Uncle Dan here on a chat. Mr Mc at C- among the wheat men. Carey hauling away the wheat for us. Mr Mc home at noon. Uncle Joe around. Ben Ervin called to see Mr Mc. Albert & Alex husking. Robert going along with his work all right. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Mr Mc at Jack Walkers this P.M. The boys around the camp at their lessons.

17" Jan. [note: by mistake – should be Dec.] Friday. Yesterday it was Spring – to day it is sleet and rain and cold – not much doing but looking after the stock. Our two boarders Alex & Albert around the fire. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe around – Carey feeding. Robert at his work – I have been busy fixing up [illegible]. Clayton and Jason at Selma School – Paul at our School. Uncle Dan here this evening. Rough and disagreeable this Eve.

18" Jan [note: by mistake – should be Dec.] Sat. Moderated considerable – but still quite a winter day. Alex M. Pugh left us this morning for awhile – he left his trunk here – he has been her since the 10" of Nov. husking – Albert Harris also left this A.M. – He has been here since the 3" of Oct husking the most of the time. Carey hauling in wheat – Clayton at Grinells mill for the buckwheat Mr Mc around home all day. Jason and Paul around. Robert faithful all the day long. This afternoon I took Uncle Joe down home – and got the mail – and made but a very short stay in town. A letter came from Carsons book keeper telling us that Harlan is down in bed with the measels. We are all feeling sad that he is not home now so we could care for him here. A letter came from Homer from the Union Seminary N.Y. He is getting ready for their examination there. Every thing seems quiet her to night.

19" Dec. Sabbath – quite a wintry day. Jason and Paul and I at Sabbath School and church. Clayton at home – and Robert – Mr Mc at Springfield to day to see Harlan – He found him at his new room at Mr & Mrs Browns on High Street – found him in bed – very comfortable – with plenty of friends around him. He took dinner with Mr & Mrs Brown He also called to see Mrs Stuart – she is in a very critical state of health. Mr Mc did not get home until after dark. Mr Morton preached to day as usual. The text "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee; In tithes and offerings." This afternoon at three Oclock Paul and I at the Sabbath School at the School house. Clayton made the fire at noon and we had a nice warm room – We had eight scholars a pleasant hour. I was taught long ago not to despise the day of small things. This evening Clayton and Jason and Paul and I read the 4" chap of the Gospel of John – and Clayton & Jason recited the catechism to the fourth commandment. Aunt Jane was not at church to day it was too cold for her to come out. I was in Mrs Williamson's Sabbath School class this morning as usual. Here are some beautiful verses I will copy here for future reference -- The Gift of Love – By M. Ellen Russel see on next page –

The Gift of Love

"Its in loving not in being loved
The heart is blest;
It is in giving, not in seeking gifts
We find our quest.
If thou are hungry, lacking heavenly bread,
Give hope and cheer.
If thou are sad and wouldst be comforted,
Stay sorrows tears
Whatever by thy longing or thy need
That do thou give!
So shall thy soul be fed, and thou, indeed,
Shall truly live."

Let us practice the sentiment of these verses in our lives – day – by day.

20" Dec. Monday. Quite tough day. The ground covered with ice the roads almost impassible – The boys could not take a horse over the road hence they were not at school. Paul at our School as usual – Clayton coaxed [illegible] to C- and got his shoes [illegible]. Came home at noon bringing Uncle Joe with him – Mr Mc around home all day. Carey busy. This Eve Clayton and Jason took the clothes to Mrs P- and went to the office – A card came from Harlan written by P. H. Peppy (?) – saying that Harlan was comfortable – but he was not expecting us to day on acct of the ice. I surely hope tomorrow will be a better day. Not withstanding all of our ups and downs we did not forget that this is Homers birthday. What are the years bringing to him – What are they bringing to us all – they are certainly flying past.

21" Dec. Tuesday. Moderated considerable. Clayton and Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Carey at his work – Robert and Uncle Joe in charge of the house. Mr Mc and I at Springfield – Ive put in a full day. We spent all the time we could with Harlan – he has every comfort as far as room & kind friends are concerned. Mr & Mrs Brown are exceptionally kind to him. He of course is still in bed. The measels are disappearing now – When we came to leave him – I could not help but feel very sad – felt that in one sense he was alone – Away from all of us – while in another sense he is among his friends – “I am pleased but yet I am sad.” We also called to see Mrs Stuart – was surprised to find her a confirmed invalid – she surely was glad to see us and so were they all – They had us have dinner – Sallie is teaching & Maggie at the Office and Charlie at his work. They were all at home to dinner. They have a girl in the kitchen. To lift a little of the load of expense off Harlan we agreed to bring Harlans horse and buggy home. He had lady up there – Mr Mc led out with [illegible] and I drove Harlans buggy – The clouds hung heavy all afternoon and long before we reached home we were in midnight darkness. I never so longed for a ray of light – When we reached home I surely was thankful to know we were kept safely all the way. Uncle Joe had been at town this afternoon. Will Mc was here this Evening awhile – Thus another day has past into history. Paul got a little fall on the ice this A.M. – did not go to school till this P.M.

22" Dec. Wed. A winter day but pleasant. Mr Mc left this A.M. for Xenia did not get home until dark – D. S. Ervins team brought out the milk safe & coal oil stove as far as C- Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Carey hauling corn. Uncle Joe around. Robert busy in his dept. This afternoon I went to town to look after some things – waited for the last mail but received no card from Harlan – A letter from Homer they are having their examinations in the Union Seminary this week – will finish tomorrow. Says he is not very well.

23" Dec. Thursday. Quite a winter day. Sunshine & cold. Uncle Dan here awhile this A.M. I finished the ironing at noon – Carey at C- and brought our patent milk safe and coal oil stove – This P.M. he is taking wood to Aunt Janes & bringing coal Clayton & Jason at Selma School Paul at our School – for a change he is coming home for his dinners this week. Uncle Joe around. Robert busy. Mr Mc at C- this P.M. – This Eve Clayton and Jason attended Katy & Edith Huntingtons entertainment at [illegible] School this Eve. Mr Mc and I a Uncle Ervins with a little company – for supper – The company as follows – Mr & Mrs Dr Morton. Prof McChesney and

wife. Hank Bull & wife Walter [illegible] & wife – Will Stevenson & wife. The Banker Wildman and wife. Dr Oglesbe & wife – Dr Marsh & wife – Cora Blair Aunt Mary & Miss Emma Blair & Mrs Condon. Uncle Silas & Aunt [illegible] and Ralph – Ina & Jennie & Jennie Ervin. We had a very pleasant evening. A letter came from Harlan – he sat up to day for the first. No letter from Clara – quite a disappointment. James R. Little came out with Mr Mc this P.M. and is with us to night Uncle Joe in charge of Paul.

24" Dec. Friday. Cold to day but clear. Clayton & Jason at Selma School. Paul at our School. Jim Little is with us. Mr Mc & Uncle Joe around. Robert in charge of the kitchen dept as usual. I went town early to help Aunt Mary away – she went on the ten Oclock train to visit Lizzie & Frank Reid in Cincinnati – I took her to the train – Quite a number there to take advantage of the cheap rates – I waited for the mail again, but no letters Mr Mc at Charleston this afternoon – did not return until the evening. Jim L- here until this afternoon when he went down town – he has engagements for this evening. Uncle Joe takes dinner in C- tomorrow Carey took Uncle Joe down this evening. Clayton and Jason at "Christmas tree" at the friends church to night. A letter from Harlan – he is still keeping well – but no letter from Clara.

25" Dec. Saturday – Cold the ground frozen – We scarcely realized that it was Christmas to day – There was so many away it made those of us that was left more thoughtful – then gay. Old "Santie Clause" remembered the boys last night – Mr Mc at McDowels before dinner this afternoon he and Clayton at Warners pasture – Jason around home. This afternoon Paul at Holtons having a nice time with their little folks. I have been busy to day. We sent Jason to the eleven Oclock mail – Robert helped fix Aunt Jane a basket for a Christmas present. I sent old Mrs Pigg a nice basket. She has been faithful to us for lo these many years. Jason brought a cheerful letter from Fred – also one from Clara not so cheerful – it seems now like she will not get home but will have to spend her vacation in Monmouth. The College closed on Thursday. She had just gotten through with her examinations when she wrote – This Eve Clayton and Robert at town at the office but it being Xmas the office was only open a few minutes this evening – hence they were not there at the proper time – Mr Mc and I sat up for to get Harlans letter and from whoever of the children might write – now we will have to wait until Monday to hear.

26" Dec. Sabb. Moderated a good deal – This is a bright beautiful day. Jason and Mary Holton and I at church & at the Sabbath School too. I went down for Aunt Jane Mr Mc at church. Paul no feeling well – he stayed at home with Robert. Mr Mortons text "So teach us to number our days; that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Another milestone to eternity is just at hand. During the year Oh how many have gone to their eternal homes. And before 1898 comes to a close how many of the people who are living to day will be numbered with the sleeping dead. We are daily working out our eternal destiny. Religion was never designed to make our pleasures less – but to make them more. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom" When we came home Robert had a nice dinner ready. At three Oclock Paul and I were at the School house at the Sabbath School Jason made the fire

for us this morning. We had nice school – Mrs Jim Matthews and her nieces at the Sabbath School – This Eve Clayton and Jason at the young folks meeting This was the last Sabbath of the year.

27th December Monday. Moderated considerable. Clayton and Carey hauling in hay to the barn—Jason at the Office this A.M. – he and Uncle Joe out in time for dinner – A letter from Harlan he is still continuing better – A letter came from Fred written Xmas on the train to Monmouth – he was to spend the day with Clara & Mrs B- in Monmouth and would stay over until to day. This afternoon Mr Mc at Clifton and beyond to see Paxton – He also stopped to see Stoolky – and reached home at dark – Winnie[?] and Mary Holton here with Paul this P.M. This Eve Clayton & Jason at a show in Clifton Robert at his work to day. Mr Ansley called on his weekly round this morning. His wagon was her last week for the first.

28th Dec. Pleasant winter day. As we have given up Claras coming home – Mr Mc and I took advantage of the pleasant day and went up to see Harlan at Springfield. We found him at his room at 85 W. High St. where we left him when we were there a week ago to day. He is sitting up now, but has not been out yet – He says if he could use his eyes he could enjoy himself reading. I called to see Mrs Stuart She is still on the sick list and still looking very badly – and still very much discouraged. Sadie brought me in a nice lunch & a cup of tea They were all kind as kind could be – We took Aunt Mary & dollar she gave Paul and got him a School suit of clothes – goods of every description is very cheap. We reached home at 8 O'clock. Stoolky here to day making hay houses. He was here to dinner. Clayton at Gladstone to see Worley & came home past C- and got the mail A letter here from Fred – He left Monmouth Monday afternoon and went back to Bussey. He says Mrs Bailey was very sick – and that Clara was well. Uncle Joe & Jason around to Day. Paul at Holtons this P.M. Winnie & Mary here yesterday afternoon. Robert in charge to day.

29th Dec. Wed. Quite a cold rough day – blowing & snowing. Stoolkey here at his work & here to dinner to day again. Mr Mc and Clayton brought the horses from Warners pasture – this A.M. This afternoon Clayton went down to see Alex Ervin and went to the Office – A letter from Homer – he went to Port Jervis on Monday to spend his vacation with Mr MacKenzie and Fannie. Alvie Orr spent two or three days with him last week in N.Y. This Eve Clayton & Jason at Dr. Elders of Selma to a party – old time party.

30th Dec. Thurs. A nice winter day. Stoolky here to day again Clayton at Cedarville and brought Charlie Galbreath out to make a little visit. Mr Mc and Uncle Joe and Jason and Paul around – Robert at his part. This afternoon I attended our missionary meeting at the Prayer meeting rooms. Mr Mc went with me to town and spent his time at Mitchels -- & at the mill and around. I called to see Aunt Abell and the girls and were with them awhile. I also called to see Aunt Jane and Matt Aunt Ellen is still with them. Aunt Matt is still as sad as ever – no change for the better – Aunt Mary Murdock is still visiting at Lizzie [illegible] in Cincinnati. This P.M. Charlie & Clayton were around Selma on a business trip and this eve they are there again

on a pleasure trip. Mr [illegible] buried this week. Sallie Mc & [illegible] called while we were away.

31" Dec. Friday. It began with a little shower last night and this morning there was a deep snow on the ground – To day everything but looking after the stock at a stand still. Stoolky absent to day. Robert at his work in the kitchen. I ironed this A.M and sewed this P.M. This afternoon Clayton and Jason took Charlie down home in the sleigh. This Eve they went in the sleigh again for a little ride to C- Now upon this last night of the old year I will tell what about our selves and children. Fannie is at her home in Port Jervis N.Y. Fred is in a railroad deal for the last year and his headquarters is Bussey Iowa. Harlan is at Carsons Wholesale grocery in Springfield and has been in his room for the last two weeks with the measels. Clara is at Monmouth College since the 8" of last September – We expected her home to spend her vacation but she did not come. Mrs Bailey has been very sick – Clara has had her hands full taking care of her – Fred has been there for the last few days. Homer graduated from Cedarville College June 10" and went to the Union Seminary in New York City the 16" of September. He is spending his vacation at Mr MacKenzies and Fannies in Port Jervis. Clayton & Jason is attending school in Selma. Paul at our School on the pike. Mr Mc and I around the lamp to night. Farewell to 1897.

I will state here that the first meeting of our Sabbath School was held in the school house Sabbath afternoon the 3" of May 1897 – for history of this school see page 100. We have not missed a single Sabbath this year of having school. In our Sabbath School lesson we learned "The way to grow like God is to love. God is love, and we have his likeness in our hearts only as far as we love. All hatred, envy, jealousy, unforgiveness, grudging, and all unkindness in word or act are blemishes – they are not fragments of Gods beauty. We must put away such things, therefore, if we would be like God, for God is love." We should love others though they may have faults and blemishes, and though they are unkind to us.

"With us Always"

"The end of the year has come at last,
We have walked its paths together;
And God who has kept us in the past,
In fine or gloomy weather,
Will be with us still as we go on,
Trusting our all to Him alone."